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Muscogee (Creek) Nation**



**Executive Branch
FY 2017
3rd Quarterly Report
(April, May, June)**

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Speaker Lucian Tiger and Members of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council:

We are pleased to present the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Executive Branch FY 2017 Third Quarter Report. The report includes information from the previous quarters. Our goal is to continue this format to allow our citizens to see areas where improvement has been made, and to objectively measure our improvements this year.

We appreciate our staff and the Nation's departments for their hard work in compiling this report. It is a great honor to serve the people of this great Nation. We welcome further input from the staff and from the National Council to prepare future reports that reflects an even better job of providing information.

I believe it is our responsibility to keep the traditional values and our ancestors' sacrifices alive for generations to come.

"It's about the People"

Mvto!


James R. Floyd
Principal Chief

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY – Linda Roe, Controller

The Department of Treasury assisted auditors with finalizing the yearly audit for Tribal and Health programs as required by federal agencies and tribal law.

During the third quarter, the accounting department issued 21,561 accounts payable checks (14,439 Tribal and 7,122 Health) totaling \$48,856,528.10. The Office of Management and Budgets issued 285 travel authorizations (260 Tribal and 25 Health) and 3,131 purchase orders (977 Tribal and 2,154 Health). The total number of employees for the third quarter was 2,604 (1,743 Tribal and 861 Health), an increase of 592 employees from the second quarter due to Summer Youth participants.

The total payroll cost for the third quarter was \$21,053,904.63, which is an increase of \$3,451,880.53 from the second quarter.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation (MCN, or the Nation) had 97 federal grants/contracts at the end of the third quarter. The following is a breakdown of the number of grants/contracts by federal agencies:

Dept. of Health & Human Services: 31	Dept. of Transportation: 2
Dept. of Education: 9	Institute of Museum & Library: 1
Dept. of Interior: 27	Office of District Attorney: 1
Dept. of Justice: 9	Dept. of Agricultural: 6
Environmental Protection Agency: 4	Dept. of the Treasury: 1
Housing & Urban Development: 5	Dept. of Labor: 1

MCN appropriated supplemental funds totaling \$628,468.31 during the third quarter: \$192,626.31 from interest on the permanent fund, and \$435,842.00 from capital improvement.

At the end of the third quarter the permanent fund had \$344,918,419.16.

Gaming distributions are received from Eufaula, Okmulgee, Muskogee, Bristow, Checotah, Okemah, Tulsa, Holdenville, and Duck Creek casinos by the 15th of each month and reserved for future operating costs.

Below is a breakdown of the gaming revenue received from October 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016 (FY 2016) and October 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017 (FY 2017). The gaming revenue is down 9% from FY 2016 to FY 2017.

Gaming Distributions

FY 2017					
	Subtotal 2nd Qtr (\$)	March (\$)	April (\$)	May (\$)	TOTAL (\$)
Eufaula Casino	1,233,752.87	416,150.26	332,780.64	284,340.15	2,267,023.92
Okmulgee Casino	3,102,584.70	646,558.08	632,356.54	696,441.48	5,077,940.80
Muskogee Casino	5,842,951.07	1,673,544.26	1,272,219.50	1,353,178.67	10,141,893.50
Bristow Casino	1,260,298.57	336,969.12	277,419.45	103,145.79	1,977,832.93
Checotah Casino	2,842,306.65	715,464.91	534,340.41	309,308.43	4,401,420.40
Okemah Casino	642,525.50	234,204.57	116,712.88	117,535.12	1,110,978.07
Tulsa Casino	17,200,044.06	5,582,526.20	5,167,116.69	3,921,893.38	31,871,580.33
Holdenville Casino	365,356.06	89,700.66	79,064.72	62,042.66	596,164.10
Duck Creek Casino	3,969,263.04	1,147,454.85	792,542.24	779,709.82	6,688,969.95
TOTAL	36,459,082.52	10,842,572.91	9,204,553.07	7,627,595.50	64,133,804.00

FY 2016					
	Subtotal 2nd Qtr (\$)	March (\$)	April (\$)	May (\$)	TOTAL (\$)
Eufaula Casino	1,484,709.66	396,909.35	331,131.71	268,495.81	2,481,246.53
Okmulgee Casino	3,340,065.90	656,181.82	712,194.78	694,681.51	5,403,124.01
Muskogee Casino	6,675,037.27	1,671,723.54	1,348,045.69	1,471,481.07	11,166,287.57
Bristow Casino	1,235,875.91	305,593.66	296,740.05	279,756.21	2,117,965.83
Checotah Casino	3,402,740.88	584,388.76	542,246.33	703,193.70	5,232,569.67
Okemah Casino	896,407.04	192,861.46	45,330.09	175,998.46	1,310,597.05
Tulsa Casino	20,128,174.18	5,871,810.90	4,433,397.28	4,306,749.51	34,740,131.87
Holdenville Casino	472,181.60	118,637.60	44,648.20	63,821.91	699,289.31
Duck Creek Casino	4,475,818.51	1,157,059.56	670,607.43	799,817.54	7,103,303.04
TOTAL	42,111,010.95	10,955,166.65	8,424,341.56	8,763,995.72	70,254,514.88

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – Kevin Dellinger, Attorney General

The Department of Justice provided numerous services for the third quarter of 2017 and continues to increase its caseload as it takes on new responsibilities and personnel.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE			
# CASES OPENED			
Consultation and Advice Files	109	47	34
Civil/Litigation	2	2	1
Legislation	63	56	50
Adult Protective Services	0	1	0
State Juvenile Deprived/Adoptions	34	38	41
Tribal Juvenile Deprived/Delinquent/Adoptions	1	1	1
Criminal Felonies	6	18	8
Criminal Misdemeanors	7	12	10
Criminal Investigations	0	2	2
Traffic Tickets	111	67	100
# CASES CLOSED			
Consultation and Advice Files	147	195	203
Civil/Litigation	4	3	5
Legislation	22	23	36
Adult Protective Services	0	0	1
State Juvenile Deprived/Adoptions	0	27	8
Tribal Juvenile Deprived/Delinquent/Adoptions	2	2	0
Criminal Felonies	5	23	1
Criminal Misdemeanors	0	25	1
Criminal Investigations	0	0	0
Traffic Tickets	21	102	295
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – LEGAL SERVICES			
# CASES OPENED			
Uncontested Probates	17	29	28
Uncontested Guardianships	17	20	26
Estate Planning	11	23	24
Approval of Deeds	6	4	2
# CASES CLOSED			
Uncontested Probates	38	12	11
Uncontested Guardianships	26	13	4
Estate Planning	5	5	1
Approval of Deeds	0	1	0

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT			
COLLECTIONS	\$508,433.48	\$578,925.59	\$506,074.78
# CASES OPENED	46	47	53
# CASES CLOSED	33	5	60

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION –
Jerry McPeak, Acting Tribal Administrator

Major accomplishments for the Department of Administration during the third quarter include:

- Coordination of the Living Legends Festival event
- Completion of Annual Ethics Training by all MCN employees

Human Resources Management Services

Accomplishments

- Finalized pay schedule for Health Department Nurses
- Finalized the Catapult Health screening dates and locations
- Submitted the Human Resource Budget for 2018
- Interviewed with the Master Planning Group
- Hosted the Employee Service Award luncheon on June 6, 2017

<i>Career Development</i>	1st	2nd	3rd
Applicants	12	16	17
Completions	10	12	15

<i>New Hires/Transfers</i>	1st	2nd	3rd
New Hires	67	65	27
Transfers	93	58	44
Background Checks	109	87	99
Summer Youth			541

Total Paid: 1st Quarter: \$6,919 2nd Quarter: \$8,115 3rd Quarter: \$13,609

Language Incentive Program

MCN offers active current employees who qualify a one-time incentive of \$.50 per hour.

Number of Mvskoke (Creek) speakers: 1st Quarter: 17 2nd Quarter: 19 3rd Quarter: 19

<i>Drug Testing</i>	1st	2nd	3rd
Random Drug Testing	25	20	22
Pre-Employment Drug Test	69	65	51

Information Technology

Information Technology's 22 employees support the MCN network and Health environment, including more than 1,600 users and many custom-built applications. There are 14 remote network (or MPLS) locations inclusive of all health clinics.

Accomplishments

- Okemah Hospital (under construction): 1 gig circuit and 1 gig internet bandwidth completed on June 6; all network connections will be established by June 23.
- Koweta and Sapulpa phones upgraded to Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) solution, minimizing communications downtime by replacing end-of-life equipment for business use and decreasing AT&T cost per month by more than \$20,000 (almost \$250,000 per year).
- Health upgrades for network connectivity and internet usage completed, eliminating latency across the Health network due to insufficient bandwidth.
- Sophos software implementation for the Nation was completed; encryption of thumb drives and external devices was finalized in April.

<i>MCN Help Desk Work Orders Processed</i>	1st	2nd	3rd
Health		3,926	3,377
Tribal	1,479	1,510	1,455

General Services Administration/Fleet Management Department

	1 st	2 nd	3rd	TOTAL
Dept./Communities	\$38,579.23	\$45,015.66	\$46,580.12	\$83,594.89
Fuelman	\$5,810.73	\$5,579.50	\$2,938.63	\$11,390.23
Work Orders Completed	448	617	655	1,720
GSA Vehicles	\$80,036.09	\$69,938.28	\$81,972.75	\$231,947.12
Vehicle Accidents	3	1	—	4
Vehicle Reservations	453	390	428	1,271
Vehicle Purchase Savings (Bid by Fleet)	\$6,068.00	\$2,464.00	\$6,436.00	\$14,968.00

	1 st	2 nd	3rd	TOTAL
Postage Expense	\$37,154.52	\$40,274.03	\$34,811.39	\$109,239.94
Mail Metered	58,201	61,957	53,861	174,019
Express Mail	12	9	7	28
FedEx	20	20	54	94
Certified Mail	1,116	940	581	2,637
Work Orders Completed	59	34	50	143
Surplus Items	157	228	45	430
New Purchase Orders Posted	1,308	903	974	3,185
Total Packages Received	893	1,060	1,254	3,207
Items Inventoried in WASP	0	1,594	3,038	4,632
Value of Items Inventoried	0	\$5,638,796.27	\$5,049,507.15	\$10,688,303.42

Facilities

Major Projects on Campus

- The responsibility of the upkeep and maintenance of the Mound Building was directed back to the Facilities department, so we have begun routine work on this facility.
- Facilities staff assisted with the MCN Slow Pitch Tournament (janitorial and trash pickup).

Completed Work Orders On Campus

1st Quarter: 150 2nd Quarter: 148 3rd Quarter: 151

Major Projects Off Campus

- Completed reconstruction of the Fountainhead golf course gate

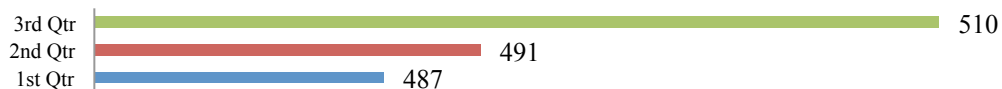
Major Project Cost: Community Centers/ENP Centers

General Major Project Cost

1st Quarter: \$750.00 2nd Quarter: \$900.00 3rd Quarter: \$600.00

Telephony

Completed Work Orders



Major Projects

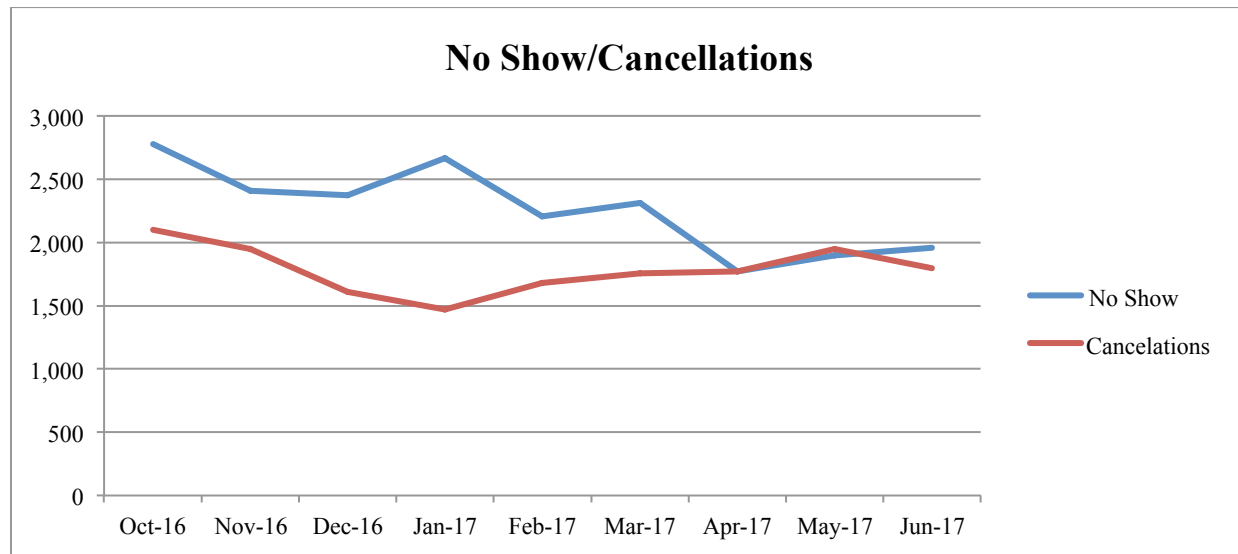
- Updated information hotline, hold message, and after-hours message
- Located utilities at Creek Council House Museum, Dome, and Children and Family Services
- Continued modifying C-Cure access to all Tribal buildings
- Attended online training for new 911 system
- Repaired power outage damage to telephone switch

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – Shawn Terry, Secretary of Health

The Department of Health finished a very strong third quarter, exceeding goals in both financial and operational metrics. The focus of these metrics will continue to emphasize the three strategic priorities that will provide citizens and our patients with the best possible health system.

Access to Care

In the third quarter, the Department of Health reported 26,516 outpatient visits in our clinics, down 2,482 visits from the 28,998 visits in the second quarter. This reduction was expected because respiratory illness is less prevalent in the summer months than in winter. There was continued progress with the scheduling system, resulting in a reduction in no-show rates as illustrated in the chart below.



Emergency room visits declined 883 from the second quarter. Combined, the Okemah Hospital and Okmulgee Medical Center had a total of 6,533 visits.

The Okemah Hospital has significantly progressed this quarter as construction is nearing the final stages. The exterior of the hospital is near complete, the construction of the service road has started, and all landscaping is being finalized. The interior construction is finalizing painting, trim work, and the installation of doors, hardware, and equipment.

The Eufaula Clinic is well ahead of schedule, and the building is now enclosed. There was a Topping Off Ceremony on May 18, 2017 to celebrate the progress of this vital service to the area.

The Department of Health welcomes new additions to the medical staff for this quarter:

- Ross Forrester, D.M.D., has joined the Eufaula Clinic.
- Linda Blunt, M.D., family practice physician, has joined the team at Okemah Hospital.
- Jane Fortenberry, Nurse Practitioner, has joined the Koweta Clinic.

Quality of Care

The Department of Health is conducting patient and employee satisfaction surveys to measure the effectiveness of its system. The patient satisfaction survey can be found on the Department of Health website and eventually at each health facility.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health (MCNDH) has two facilities—Creek Nation Community Hospital and Muscogee (Creek) Nation Medical Center—participating in the Oklahoma Hospital Association/Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET) Hospital Improvement Innovation Network (HIIN) initiative to improve patient safety, foster a culture of safety, collect data, and implement cross-cutting strategies to address patient safety. During the third quarter, each facility received a one-time monetary stipend for the submission of all required data for the project to support ongoing project efforts.

PRC Skilled Nursing Facility received a five-star rating, which has been displayed on the Nursing Home Compare website since June 28, 2017.

Financial Viability

Third-Party Billing

Total third-party collections for the third quarter total \$12,588,641.00. This \$591,280.00 increase from the second quarter was expected as patient deductibles and out-of-pocket requirements are typically met by this point in the year.

The Department of Health entered into an agreement with the Resource Corporation of America (RCA). RCA will bring additional expertise and systems to the department, allowing it to identify additional payment resources for the care provided to patients.

Indian Health Service

The Department of Health also received a final payment from Indian Health Service (IHS), thereby fulfilling their funding agreement for FY 2017. IHS payments were atypical this fiscal year due to the continuing resolutions process used by the United States Congress.

The Department of Health also submitted a request for \$7,000,000.00 of additional IHS funding for the opening of the new Eufaula Clinic. These requests are typical for the start-up of new joint venture clinics and a decision by IHS is expected in FY 2018.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & HUMAN SERVICES – Neenah Tiger, Secretary

Office Of Childcare

In April, the Office of Childcare (OCC) Child Development Centers partnered with Head Start to celebrate *The Week of the Young Child* with a parade downtown. Participants included 247 children, Second Chief Louis Hicks, members of the Cabinet, National Council, and many MCN program staff. Following the parade, the Office of Childcare hosted a Fun Fair for the Childcare and Head Start children at the MCN complex grounds. The *Week of the Young Child* is a national celebration for children, families, and providers.

In May, OCC held Provider Appreciation Training at the Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition Center with 62 childcare providers attending. The annual All Staff In-Service Training was held at Twin Hills School with training on science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM), to help teachers in the classroom.

Throughout the summer, OCC participates in the Youth CreekFit Program held by the Department of Tourism. Twice a week, school-age children go to the Dome to exercise with a trainer and discuss healthy and active lifestyles.

In June, the Okmulgee Child Development Center took second place in the Creek Festival Parade with the theme “Building Our Future.”

Children and Family Services Administration (CFSA)

The Children & Family Services Administration (CFSA) assisted in the reunification efforts of more than 60 families. Addressing the permanency needs of children waiting to be adopted, CFSA actively participated in the adoption process of Muscogee (Creek) children throughout the state. CFSA programs provided approximately \$30,000 of direct assistance to the children and their families.

In order to raise the awareness of child abuse and neglect, CFSA partnered with MCN Behavioral Health to hold the Child Abuse Prevention event. CFSA provided education regarding the reporting of abuse and neglect while MCN Behavioral Health presented their “Happiest Baby on the Block” training. CFSA promoted several activities throughout April, including “Wear Blue” to help promote and strengthen prevention efforts in communities; during May, MCN’s National Foster Care month, the CFSA team attended several conferences and community events disseminating information about the need for foster parents. CFSA held a viewing of the short film *Removed*. Forty attendees viewed the screening, with 21 foster care packets dispersed. Recruitment and child abuse prevention efforts continued in June at the MCN Annual Festival with setting up a recruitment booth; assisting Lighthorse with their efforts in tracking lost children; and participating in, and winning, the float contest during the parade.

Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP)

The Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP) hosted awareness events in April to commemorate Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Activities included the following:

- A community screening of the documentary *Audrey and Daisy* at the College of the Muscogee Nation, in coordination with Mvskoke Nation Youth Services and Behavioral Health, which drew parents and youth from several of the surrounding communities;
- Workshop on how to make quilt squares, held at the Eufaula Indian Community, Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition Center, Okmulgee County Jail, and the Turley Work Release Center, which provided opportunities for survivors of rape and abuse to share their voices, experiences, and words of encouragement for others;
- The historic, national traveling exhibit, *The Monument Quilt*, at the Claude Cox Omniplex, which drew participation of tribal citizens and community members as well as tribal and non-tribal professionals and organizations; and
- Specialized training for law enforcement and monthly coordinated community response team meetings to improve responses to victims/survivors of sexual violence.

FVPP staff participated in a variety of local and national trainings and meetings to increase professional skills, the program, and Nation's overall responses to domestic and sexual violence. Staff participated in the End Violence Against Women International annual conference and the Family Violence Prevention Services annual grantee meeting. The Director participated in a panel presentation at the Inter-Tribal Working Group on the Implementation of VAWA 2013 Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction. Staff attended the Indian Country Strangulation and Suffocation seminar at the National Advocacy Center.

Youth Services (MNYS)

The Mvskoke Nation Youth Services (MNYS) focused on cultural connections, cultural presentations, and teen pregnancy prevention during the third quarter.

The Mvskoke Nation Youth Council (MNYC) participated in the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair receiving 2nd in modern song and 3rd in traditional song with four individual members receiving individual awards for art and book designs. The MNYC continued to display cultural connections by singing Mvskoke hymns at the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes Conference and provided a cultural demonstration at the Southern Plains Indian Health Board Conference.

A highlight for the Youth Council was hosting a Welcome Home Parade for Vietnam-era veterans. This event took place following the May National Council meeting and is a result of a partnership with the US Department of Justice in the Vietnam War Commemorative Program. Thirty-four Vietnam-era veterans attended the parade, representing the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines.

Principal Chief James R. Floyd declared May 3, 2017 as the *National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy* for the MCN. This proclamation expressed the urgent need for all citizens and residents to participate in our Nation's Day to prevent teen pregnancy activities to raise awareness about the importance of this critical issue, promoting parent-child communication, and empowering youth to make positive life plans and choices. Youth Services hosted an event on this day for MCN employees and the community. Current and former teen parents shared their stories and provided insight into the decisions they made and the effects of teen pregnancy. Youth Services also participated in two local 8th Grade Teas and a Health Fair at the College of the Muscogee Nation to promote teen pregnancy prevention.

With June 20th celebrating the 2nd year anniversary of the Youth Council and the impact our Nation has seen, we are assured that the Mvskoke Nation Youth Services will continue to empower the Mvskoke Youth to be the leaders of today and tomorrow.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, AND TRAINING –
Gregory Anderson, Secretary

The Department of Education and Training engaged in several initiatives and activities to promote student achievement and policies related to federal and state education funding, identify major issues in education, and foster federal laws prohibiting discrimination in programs that receive federal funds.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Tribal Nations and Public School Collaborative Engagement Workshop

The MCN Department of Education and the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) hosted a workshop for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in April at the River Spirit Casino Resort. Approximately 350 educators representing 120 Oklahoma public school districts and 22 tribal nations attended the workshop.

MCN approached this event with the intent to elevate knowledge, transparency, collaboration, and participation with our partners and constituents regarding the ESSA. The workshop provided a platform for representatives of tribal nations, local education agencies, the OSDE, the US Department of Education, the National Indian Education Association, the Bureau of Indian Education, the Johnson O'Malley program, Impact Aid, and other stakeholders to learn more about ESSA and to collaborate, ask questions, and develop strategies to address ESSA requirements and the tribal consultation process in Oklahoma.

Since more than 130,000 American Indian students attend schools in Oklahoma, the highest in the country, it is our obligation to advance and strengthen educational opportunities for all Native American students that will lead to social and academic success. This event demonstrated an overall commitment to Indian Education on behalf of all tribal nations and agencies.

The event was declared a historic day by US Department of Education Director of Indian Education, Bernard Garcia and Oklahoma State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister. It has been recognized nationally as an exemplary model for tribal nations and LEA (Local Education Agency) collaboration and consultation.

Tribal Consultations

The Secretary and STEP Program Manager held individual tribal consultations with 28 school districts located within the MCN tribal boundaries as mandated by the ESSA. The consultations consisted of approximately 80 hours of discussion and collaboration to improve services to Native American students. The meetings were designed to educate and encourage culturally-responsive instruction and strengthen the collaboration of tribal nations and public education leaders. Ongoing consultation work will continue with these schools.

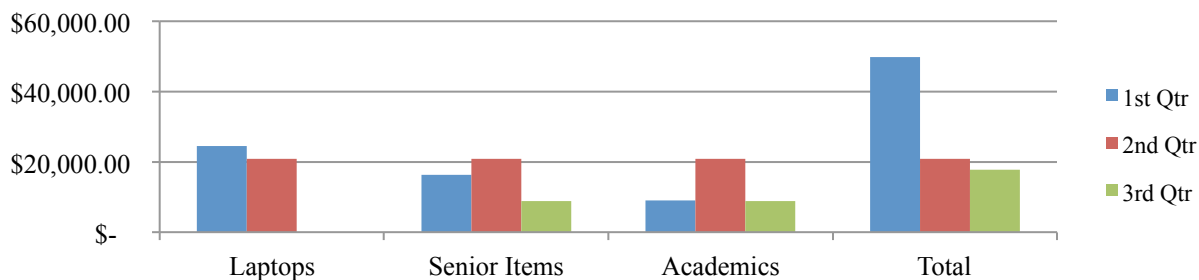
Oklahoma State School Board Presentation

The Secretary was invited and presented an executive report to the Oklahoma State Board of Education on the ESSA workshop. The Secretary also gave an overview and update of the MCN tribal consultation process.

National Conference of the Council of Chief State School Officers – Indian Education Directors

The Secretary was invited to speak at the National Conference of the Council of Chief State School Officers in Austin, Texas, as a representative of MCN and OSDE. The presentation provided Indian education directors and educators information on the ESSA workshop and our MCN tribal consultation process in Oklahoma.

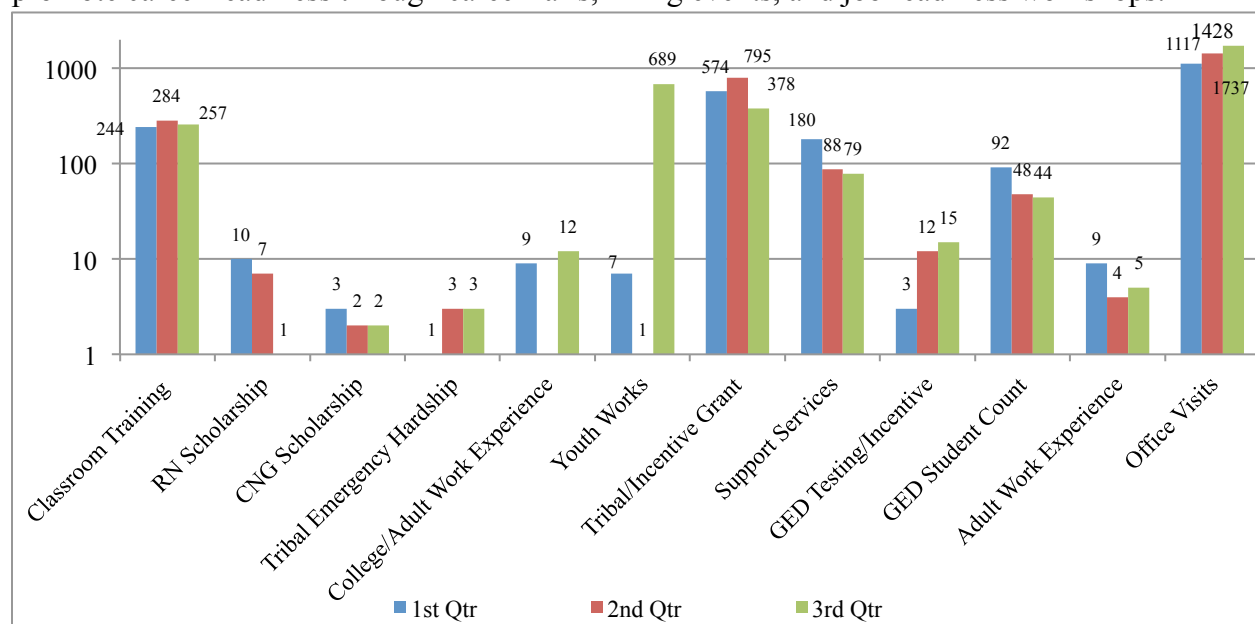
NCA 00-136 Extra Curricular Activity Grant: The grant has 2.44% remaining of the total \$125,000 awarded for FY 2017 and has assisted 42 Muscogee (Creek) citizens—20 citizens with academic needs and 22 high school students with senior expenses—during the third quarter.



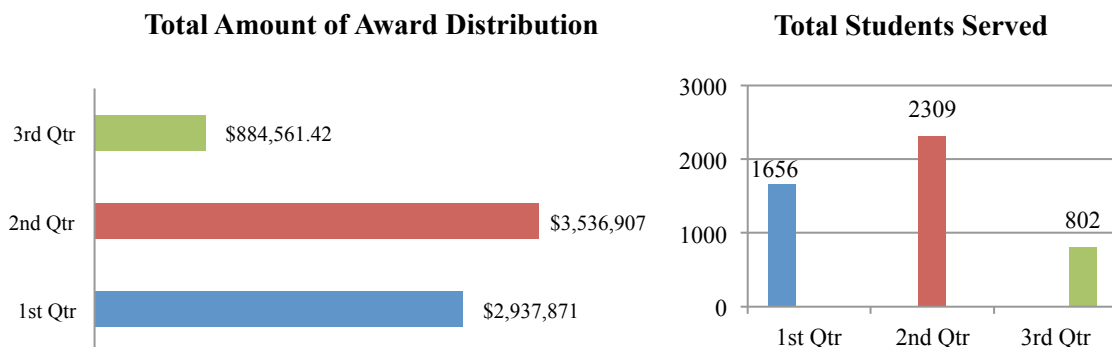
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Laptops	\$24,508.98	\$20,878.02	\$0.00
Senior Items	\$16,337.71	\$18,823.56	\$8,896.39
Academics	\$9,009.86	\$14,625.41	\$8,868.14
Total	\$49,856.55	\$54,326.99	\$17,764.53

**Values on charts have changed due to incorrect amounts previously reported.*

Employment & Training Administration continues to collaborate with other organizations to promote career readiness through career fairs, hiring events, and job readiness workshops.



Higher Education assisted 802 students with awards. Total expenditures for grants by the programs this quarter were \$884,561.42. The staff continues to visit local high schools, universities, and MCN events to support continued engagement in the community.

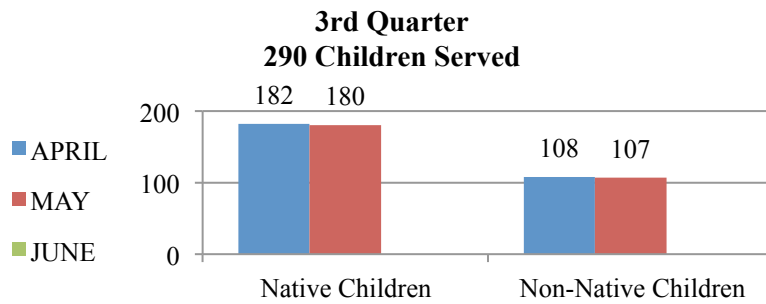


State/Tribal Education Partnership (STEP) Program

- The State/Tribal Education Partnership (STEP) program worked alongside the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) to create the official OSDE Tribal Consultation Guide. Six hundred guides were distributed at the April ESSA workshop and mailed to all mandated tribes and collaborating school districts.
- Through on-going SDE collaboration, the STEP Program Manager was selected by the OSDE to serve as a lead on a committee in August to guide the State Assessment Standard Setting process for the OSDE's Oklahoma School Testing Program.
- STEP's Cultural Education Resource Council (CERC) continues to hold monthly meetings with tribal elders and leaders from various departments. CERC is currently creating a Cultural Sensitivity Teacher Training to be held on August 7, 2017 at Wetumka Public Schools.
- The CERC completed an MCN Educational Resource Guide that contains historical and current information about the Nation, based on the Oklahoma Academic Standards. The guide is being submitted to the OSDE to be added to the Indian Education webpage.
- STEP created a DET Service Directory that is being printed and will be distributed to school districts. The directory highlights programs within the department and the services offered.

Vocational Rehabilitation Program (MCN-VR) Throughout the fiscal year, 54.5% of 110 referrals have resulted in applications for service. The Program has achieved the following percentage of projected goals: 67.4% in applications, 35% in Individual Plans for Employment, and 82% for successful employment outcomes. MCN-VR referrals increased 49% from the second to the third quarter.

Head Start Program received 100% compliance for their Federal Monitoring Review in April. The Head Start Language Bowl was held in May with students showcasing their knowledge of Mvskoke language. The program also had a total of 134 parent volunteers with an average of 19 volunteers per center site during the third quarter.

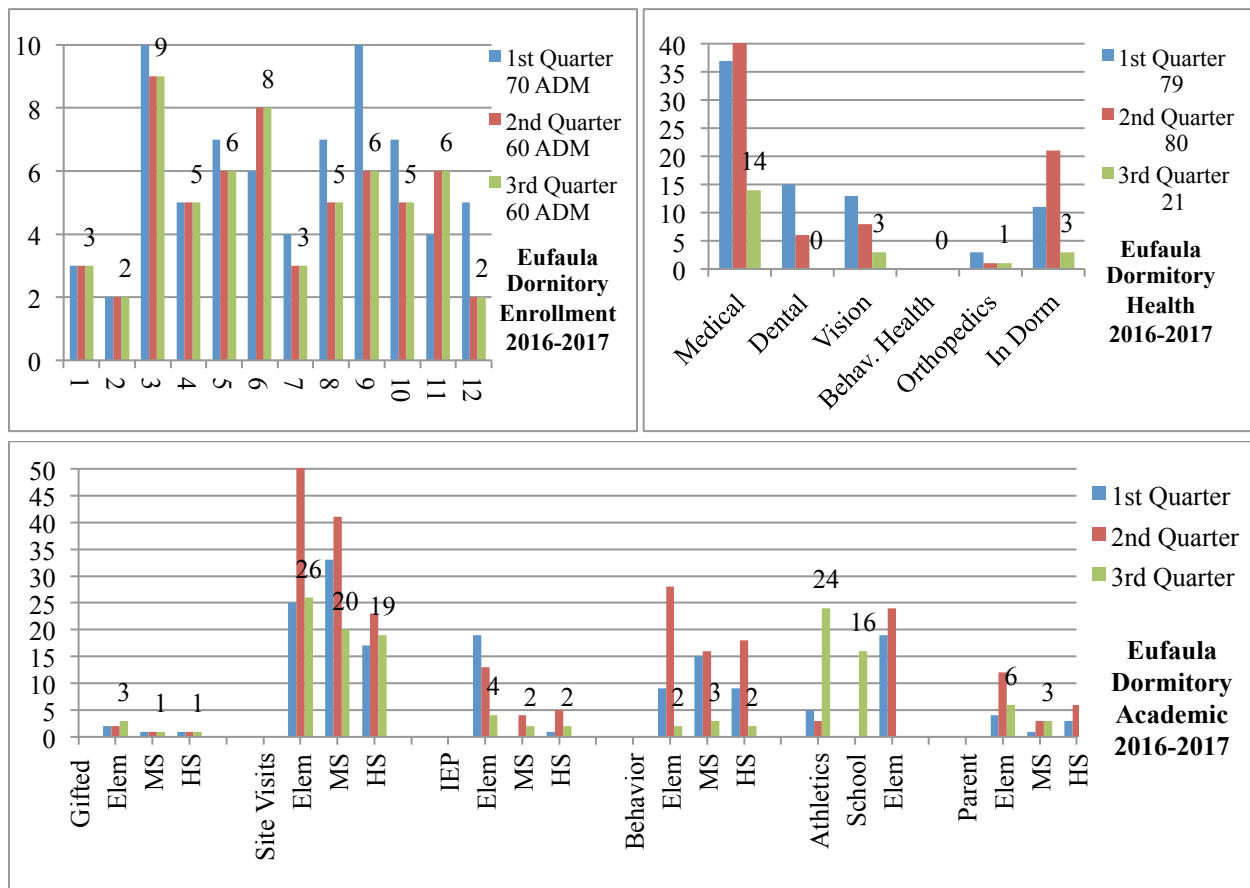


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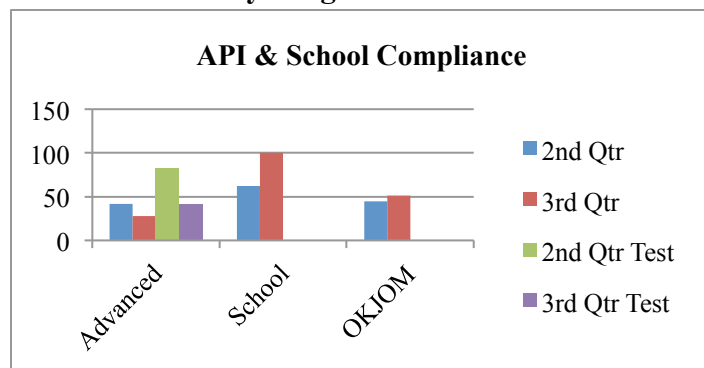
Scholarship Foundation Program raised \$8,552.84 in the third quarter to support the Foundation's scholarships.

1st Quarter	\$4,813.84
2nd Quarter	\$4,602.72
3rd Quarter	\$8,552.84
Grand Total	\$17,969.40

Eufaula Dormitory concluded a successful school year in May with a field trip to Frontier City. All seniors graduated and collectively were awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships. Efforts are currently focused on recruitment, pre-enrollment, and preparations for next school year.



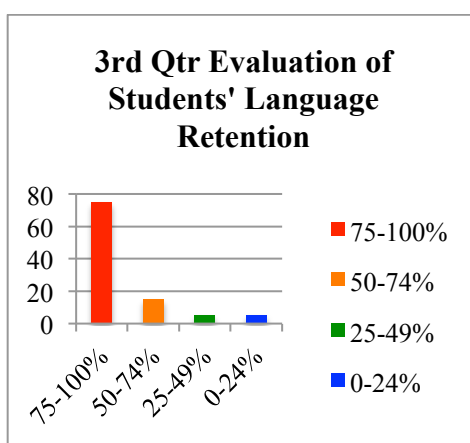
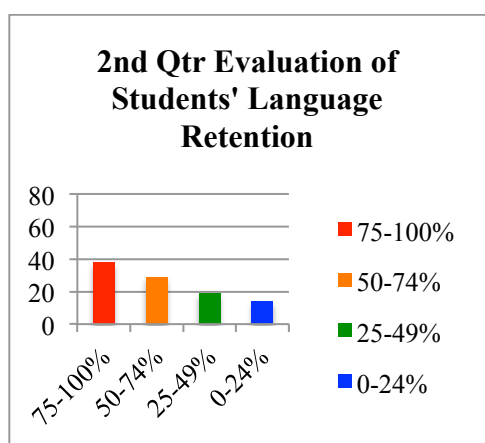
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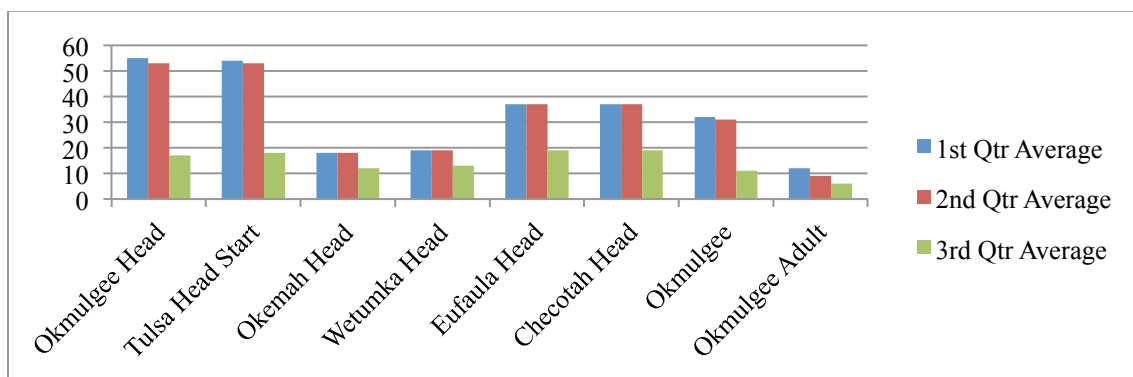
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School Compliance reflects percentages for second and third quarter.

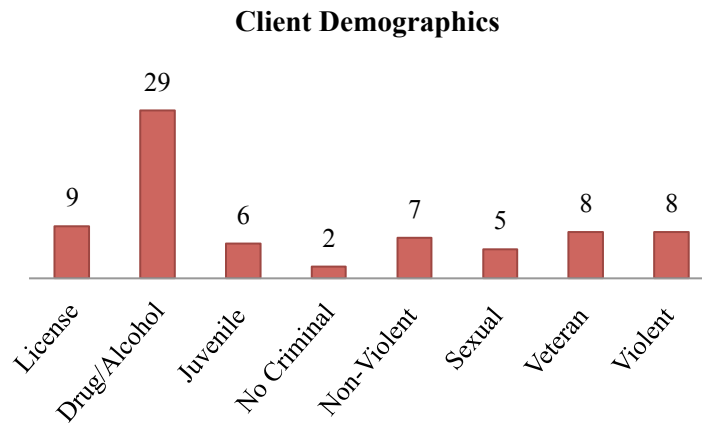
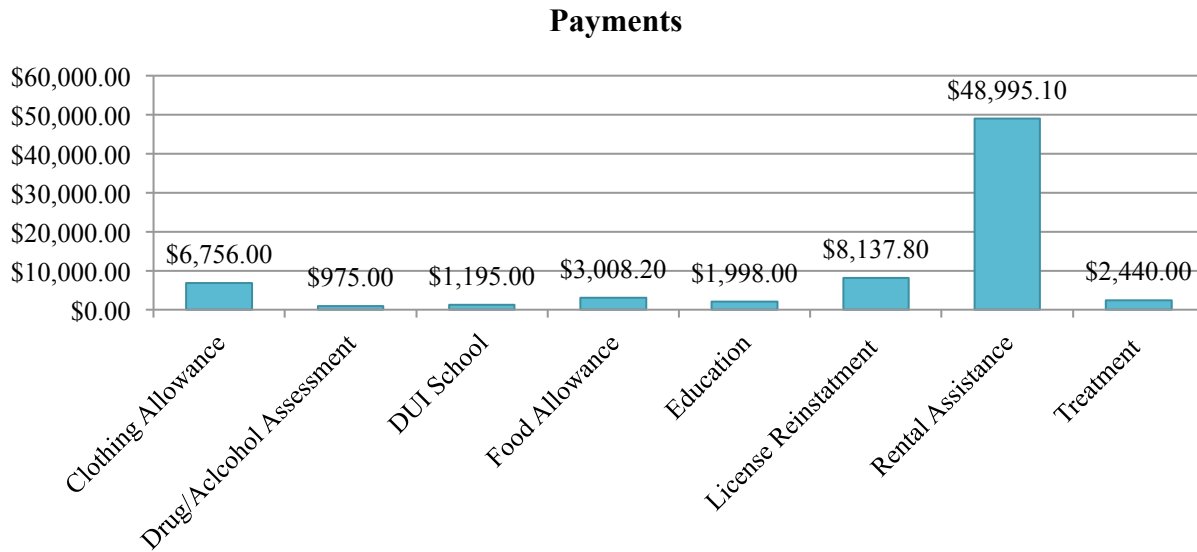
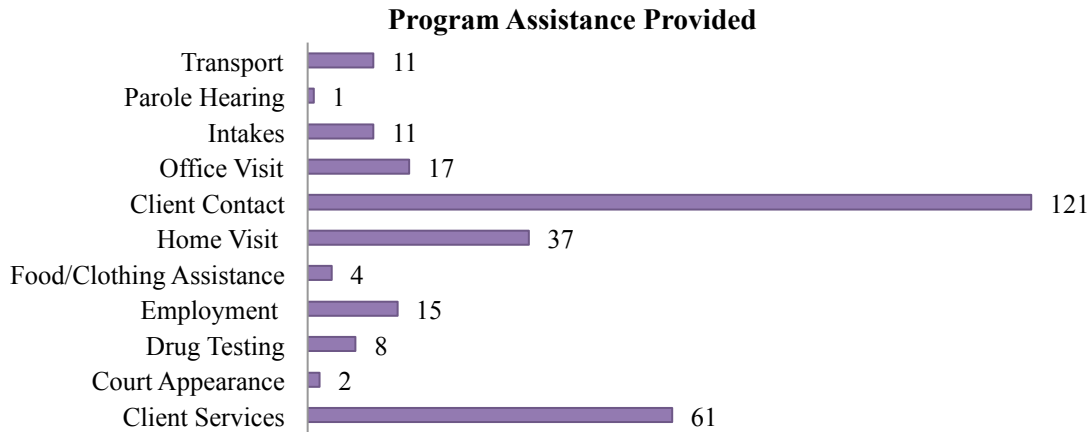
The Euchee Language Department is holding steady with 31 students enrolled and an average of 20–25 students per day.



Mvskoke Language Program (MLP) has a lower average in the third quarter due to the MCN Daycare and Head Start centers being on summer break. MLP staff served as judges at the OU Language Fair in Norman, and participated in providing language resources during the cultural days at Henryetta Schools. MLP served as support staff at the annual Head Start Language Bowl and presented at the Annual Five Civilized Language Summit. The MLP hosted its 10th annual Language Immersion Camp in Hulbert, with 22 students attending.



Reintegration Program received 65 cases during the third quarter with the primary participants ranging in ages from 0–60+ years. Of these cases, 51 participants are male, 14 participants are female, and 3 of the 65 total participants have juvenile records.



DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AFFAIRS – Christopher Azbell, Secretary

Secretary of Interior Affairs – Administrative Summary

The third quarter of FY 2017 proved to be extremely productive for the Department of Interior Affairs. Significant accomplishments include the following:

- Completion of the Reintegration Administrative Building and Housing project;
- Procurement of Easements/ROWs for KBAR road project (Okemah);
- Construction of KBAR Road (contract awarded and contractor mobilized on site);
- Council House Restoration (construction ongoing at site);
- Closed on the Francis Property (HWY 75 frontage property in Okmulgee);
- Received guidance from Army Corp of Engineers on transfer of property to the Nation (Fountainhead);
- Received feedback on Fountainhead Trust Application (working to update traffic study);
- Hired new Agriculture Policy Analyst to assist with an expanding workload;
- Have nearly completed the schematic design for the Creek Council House Visitor Center (cost estimate pending);
- Secured new demolition funding and scheduled projects appropriately;
- Obtained substantial completion of work on the Mound Building (punch list being finalized at this time);
- Updated all by-laws and tax filings for the Muscogee Historical and Cultural Foundation;
- Assisted with the MCN Annual Festival and secured MOA with the Okmulgee Area Development Corporation for expanded parking;
- Opened the Redstick Art Gallery in downtown Okmulgee;
- Completed Mission Street overlay project and made significant progress on the Beggs Walking Trail; and
- Initiated Master Plan process (interviewed all MCN departments).

Although this is not an all-encompassing list of achievements over the third quarter, it represents many of the important advancements that were made over the previous three months. The Department of Interior Affairs is highly active in all aspects of the Nation and prides itself on working diligently every day to move the Muscogee (Creek) Nation forward.

Planning and Grant Department focused on strategic planning efforts such as Tribal Master Site Plan development, Chartered Indian Community support, and multiple engagements with the Indian Nations Council of Government (INCOG). During the third quarter, 7 grant applications were submitted totaling \$3,621,032.10, and 4 grants were awarded for \$345,864.00.

Tribal Driveways Department used 133 loads of gravel in the completion of 40 applications for assistance. The Manager, Field Supervisor, and/or crew continued daily inspections and documented their findings with photographs. The department continued operations associated with 19 burial preparations. The Program Manager attended Procurement Policy training and the Master Plan meeting. The department had an information booth at the MCN Annual Festival and set up a flatbed for the festival parade announcer.

Realty Trust Office completed 17 probates totaling \$39,707.72 for landowners. Five right-of-ways and three conveyances were approved totaling \$48,819.64; one tribal right-of-way was approved totaling \$10,000.00 for MCN. The Bureau of Indian Affairs approved nine leases resulting in approximately \$5,140.00 for restricted landowners, and seven properties were placed into trust with the help of the MCN Realty Office. MCN holds 7,974.74 acres in trust, not including other pending trust acquisitions that we hope to have approved by the end of the fourth quarter.

Tribal Construction Department worked on the following projects during this quarter:

- Reintegration Complex;
- WIC Building (modified the drainage);
- Checotah Smoke Shop and casino (replaced 450 feet of sewer line);
- Dustin farms (demolished 6 structures); and
- Made temporary repairs to the Claude Cox Omniplex splash pad.

Active construction projects: Cromwell Community Center; Okemah Community Center; Eufaula Clinic, Okemah Hospital; Mound Building renovation; Checotah Community Center; Muscogee (Creek) Nation Council House; College of the Muscogee Nation; and Twin Hills store.

Federal Roads Department completed Lake Boren Road quarter. Current projects under construction include Beggs Walking Trail; K-Bar Road; Loop 56 Highway and Mission Street; MCN Parking Lot Phase II; and Wainwright Road I & II.

Transit Department transported 17,690 passengers in this quarter for a total of 109,686 miles. Of this total, the Wetumka office transported 2,908 passengers and logged 22,836 miles.

Geospatial Department fielded 40 technical assistances, assisted MCN departments on 33 occasions, and produced 125 map documents, which include laminating, printing large-format, and scanning of documents. Staff also worked on 66 different short- and long-term projects. Staff passed the FAA Airman's Drone License exam.

Cultural Preservation Department received and reviewed 767 projects for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NAGPRA) throughout 12 states. NAGPRA had 15 consultations towards repatriation and reburial of Muscogee NAGPRA items with the following entities: Tennessee Valley Authority; Moundville Archaeological Park; University of Alabama; Georgia State University; Ocmulgee National Monument; Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale University; Southeast Archaeological Center; Smithsonian Natural History Museum; National Museum of the American Indian; Alabama Power; New Jersey State Museum; USACE Mobile District; NPS Cumberland Island; and Penn Museum. The department also participated in 6 government-to-government consultations: USDA Forest Service, Region 8; Southwestern Power Administration; Fort Benning Military Installation; The Tennessee Valley Authority; Alabama Power; and the University of Georgia.

Cemetery Reclamation Program cleared and serviced 14 MCN citizens' cemeteries or properties: Gouge Cemetery, Hanna; Koweta Mission Cemetery, Coweta; Arbeka Ceremonial Ground; Fisher Cemetery, Bryant; Fountainhead Trust Property; Yardeka Church, Salem; Iron Post Ceremonial Ground; Taryole Cemetery, Nuyaka; Harjo-Hill Cemetery, Vernon; Old Okmulgee Smoke Shop property; Newtown Church Cemetery, Okmulgee; Tallahassee Church Cemetery, Okmulgee; Johnson Cemetery, Bristow; and Polecat Ceremonial Ground.

Agri-Business Department is expanding and continues to cultivate approximately 80 acres of corn for silage at Dustin for vertical integration of feed inputs for cattle operation. Wheat harvest was significantly complicated due to mechanical failing of the combine and the decision was made to bale the planted wheat to use for the cattle operation as an alternative. Watermelon has been planted at Hanna and is growing well with an anticipated first harvest in mid to late July. Additionally, through a partnership with the Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise, Hanna Farm watermelons will be available for sale at the MCN travel plazas in Okmulgee and Muskogee, with additional pop-up sales anticipated through late summer. Pumpkins will be planted within the next two weeks. Feral hog mitigation continues through trapping efforts in multiple locations with over 15 hogs destroyed since the last quarter. Current cattle herd totals 589 head including 238 cows, 14 bulls, 120 yearlings, and 218 calves. Yearling and calf sales are anticipated in the fourth quarter as well as targeted culls for overall herd health and improvement. Rates of gain for cattle grazed on the clover and turnip cover crop at Hanna Farm were significant and should be reflected in sales revenue.

Natural Resources: The department has utilized GIS (geographical information system) to produce a fencing priority list of MCN properties and will continue to update the list with information produced by GIS as the program continues to identify and compile fee properties held by the Nation. Multiple properties of the Nation, including 25 acres on the west bank of the Arkansas River and property at 121st Street and Yale in Tulsa, have been fenced to prevent trespassing and dumping issues.

Storm Shelter Program: The first round of requests for bids resulted in an insufficient number of submissions, thus a second round of bid solicitations is currently under way. The program is on track to have contractor selections accomplished prior to the targeted first installation date in September. Applications will be available August 1, 2017 in multiple locations throughout the Nation, including the Housing Building, Solomon McCombs Building, the Southern Regional Office, and the website under the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Land Management: Through awarded self-governance funds, the Division was able to hire an Agriculture and Natural Resource Program Coordinator to assist in the programs of the Nation with exposure to invasive species management, including development of a wildlife management code targeting feral hog operations. Cross-fencing opportunities are being explored to increase the land base available to the cattle herd and preserve naturally occurring high-quality grasses.

Oil and Gas: The program continues to monitor the reported royalties from federally-oversighted leases as well as represent the Nation's interests in proposal and proceedings for offers, pooling,

unitizations, and exploration/testing requests. Revenues from leases since the last quarterly report total \$4,615.82.

Cultural Center & Archives Department

Council House Restoration and Visitor Center: The Council House restoration project is ongoing and on schedule. The tentative completion date for construction and reinterpretation is mid-2018. Schematic design drawings for the Visitor Center are 95% complete.

Gift Shop, Redstick Gallery: The Redstick Gallery held its grand opening June 2, 2017. Currently, it has items from over 25 Muscogee artists. The gallery sends out items weekly through orders from the online gift shop (www.creeknationgiftshop.com). Redstick Gallery actively seeks out Muscogee artists. Those interested in becoming vendors can contact the store by phone at 918.758.5557 or via email at redstickgallery@mcn-nsn.gov.

2017 Mvskoke Festival at NMAI: The Cultural Center & Archives Department coordinated the Art, Food Vendors, Art Competition, Cornstalk Shoot, Info Tent, and Indian Car Contest during the 2017 MCN Annual Festival. This year, the Art Competition included an adult and youth division.

Outreach: Special Projects Coordinator John Brown performed cultural demonstrations at 4 events this quarter that reached over 800 youth.

Risk Management Office handled 352 items during the third quarter: 1,191 items pertained to risk/insurance issues and 161 were miscellaneous items.

Arbor Care Services (ACS) worked on 97 houses completed at 100%, 89 houses at 25%, and 89 houses at 1% with 6 houses listed as miscellaneous work. The Risk Management Office took 93 calls that were referred to the ACS Office. ACS received 406 requests for service during the third quarter.

Emergency Management handled 177 items this quarter: CPR training, water deliveries, and miscellaneous calls; assisted with all emergency operations for the MCN Annual Festival; attended Okmulgee County EMS Board Meetings, and attended National Weather Service webinars.

Office of Environmental Services

NAHASDA sponsored the meeting for Sustainable Tulsa; attended climate change, Superfund, Tribal Energy, and EPA Pesticides meetings; presented a Homebuyer Education Class; and completed many environmental reviews and clearances.

Waste Disposal Program delivered roll-off dumpsters to tribal community centers, ceremonial grounds, and churches; received 6 new rolling dumpsters.

Recycling Program hosted a free paper shred day for Earth Day; provided a recycling drive and a Clean Up event at this year's MCN Annual Festival; assisted the Henryetta and Beggs communities with recycling and electronic collections.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE –
Elijah McIntosh, Secretary of the Nation & Commerce

The Office of the Secretary of the Nation & Commerce

The Secretary of the Nation and Commerce facilitated a partnership between Tinker Federal Credit Union (Tinker FCU) and MCN. Eligibility for membership at Tinker FCU is now open to all MCN citizens and employees. Through this partnership, Tinker FCU is providing financial literacy training. Working with MCN Employment and Training Administration, Tinker FCU provided financial literacy education targeted towards budgeting to all Summer Youth employees during orientation. This cumulated into a Financial Literacy Day event for the Summer Youth in June. Summer Youth received additional training on credit and the dangers of predatory lending.

Twenty-six limited liability corporations filed their annual active business certification with the Nation.

Office of Self-Governance

The Self-Governance Coordinator attended the 2017 Annual Tribal Self-Governance Consultation Conference and the Tribal Interior Budget Council meeting.

The Self-Governance Office worked in conjunction with Self-Governance-funded Tribal programs on the FY 2018 Muscogee (Creek) Nation Comprehensive Annual Budget formulation. In preparation for potential cuts to the FY 2018 Department of Interior Indian Affairs funding, we have implemented a new strategy to best utilize our Self-Governance compact base funding that involves focusing on areas where modifications can be made in order to maximize the Nation's contract support cost reimbursements.

In May, the Self-Governance Coordinator attended the quarterly Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) meeting in Washington, D.C. Items discussed at the quarterly meeting included the Tribal Caucus Report on the FY 2019 budget submission to the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, updates on the possible restructuring of the Interior Department and Indian Affairs, and a status update on improvements to the Annual Budget Formulation process.

Contracting and Employment Support (CES)

CES currently has 63 Muscogee (Creek)-owned businesses and an additional 131 businesses owned by individuals from other tribes, for a total of 194 certified businesses.

Mvskoke Loan Fund

The loan portfolio has 37 loans totaling \$707,044.63. The loan fund has \$372,294.37 available for lending at this time. In the third quarter, loans were made to Wetumka Indian Community and Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING – Sam Whitlow, Secretary of Housing

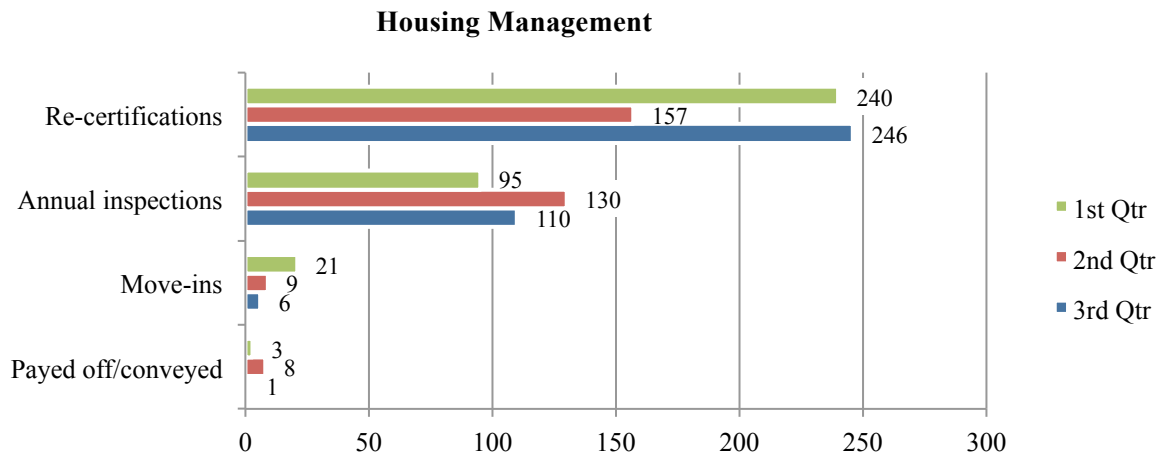
Admissions Department

- Tribal HUD VASH Program provides rental assistance and case management to Native American Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The Program has approved and housed 14 veterans, and 6 applications are being processed.
- Emergency Repair of Privately Owned Homes Program processed 193 intakes on applicants to establish eligibility, request an environmental review, and initiate work orders.
- The Homeownership Program has processed 64 intakes on applicants. All information will be verified for approval, and applicants will be placed on the waiting list.
- The Mobile Home Transport and Set Up received one application.
- Elderly Subsidy Program housed 34 eligible applicants will utilize rental assistance for the quarter.
- The Mortgage Down Payment and Closing Cost Program assists families to become first-time homeowners. The Department closed on 4 loans during the quarter. The Homebuyers Education Classes, which are required to receive assistance, were attended by 6 applicants.

Housing Management

During the third quarter, there were 246 re-certifications processed, 6 move-ins, and 110 annual inspections completed. One unit was conveyed.

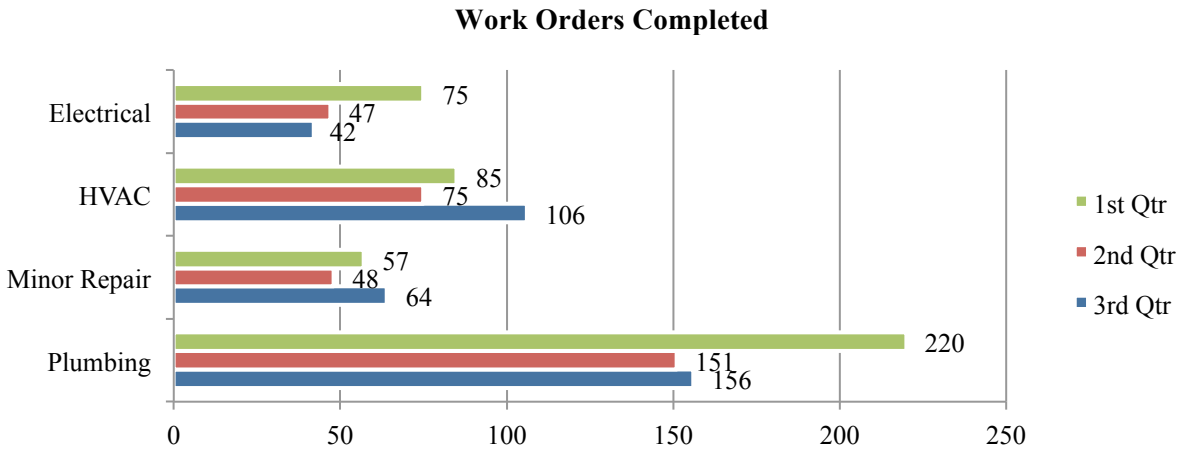
The Community Shield Program through Amerind Risk Management offers homeowners' insurance to MCN Tribal citizens with affordable property coverage for dwelling, personal property, personal liability, and loss of use. There were no new participants this quarter.



Construction Services: 60 work orders were processed and 50 scopes of work were completed.

Contract Services: 18 contracts were processed for major activities such as rehabilitation of homes and rental rehab, and 42 work agreements were processed for minor repairs.

Force Account: 368 work orders were completed.



The Development Department identifies buildable construction sites for new constructed homes and purchases existing homes for the Acquisition Program. The Development Department has acquisitioned 6 homes and purchased 4 sites for newly-constructed homes.

Rental Properties provide low cost rental housing to Native American families.

There are 317 rental units located in Checotah, Eufaula, Okemah, Okmulgee/Crutchmer, and Taylor. Of those, 286 units are occupied and 31 units are vacant. During this quarter, 53 annual re-certifications were processed, 69 annual inspections were conducted, and 152 work orders were completed for the quarter.

The Elderly Rental Program gives preference to those 62 years and over. There are 54 units located in Okmulgee. This quarter, there were 1 move-in, 1 move-out, and 2 vacancies.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Geebon Gouge, Acting Director

Consistent with its mission to project a positive image of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Office of Public Relations has facilitated projects and activities in the past quarter including:

- Calculated 1,657,630 hits during this period on the Nation’s website *www.mcn-nsn.gov*. The top 5 visited pages: Home page, Employment, news release for Muscogee (Creek) Nation accepting nominations for living legends, School Clothing, and Higher Education.
- Developed, redesigned and launched a new website for the MCN Department of Health.
- Developed and produced 1 episode of “From the Desk of Chief Floyd,” which informs citizens about happenings within the Nation.
- For the Public Relations Facebook page, in addition to the United States, the top countries reached during this quarter were Canada, United Kingdom, Mexico, and the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago. It reached 52,310 people in the third quarter.
- Developed and produced 2 episodes of “Information from the Nation,” which promotes the Nation through its YouTube channel and Facebook page.
- Produced and launched 9 “Information from the Nation” newsletters, which are distributed electronically to tribal employees and citizens.
- Provided media (photography, videography and livestream) coverage for the National Council Quarterly Session in April and General Session meetings in May and June.
- Continued to work in conjunction with other MCN departments for internal and external promotions for event preparation, including media assistance and support.
- Provided photography and videography for important events: College of the Muscogee Nation Graduation Ceremony, Week of the Young Child, Margaritaville Pool Ribbon Cutting, Veteran’s Parade, MCNBHS Youth Wellness Day Camps, Spirit of Oklahoma Football Camps, Mvskoke Youth Awards Banquet, Senior Games, Eufaula Clinic Tree Topping Ceremony, and the California At-Large meeting.
- Worked with the Tribal Administrator’s office and Second Chief’s office to plan, coordinate, and provide media coverage for the Living Legends Ceremony.
- PR shot, edited, and produced 2 thirty-second commercials for multiple news outlets.
- Shot, edited, and produced 42 video special presentations, promotional videos, and PSAs for the Nation’s YouTube channel and Facebook page.
- Designed and printed brochures for MCN Vocational Rehabilitation and Storm Shelter Programs.
- Designed and printed programs for the MCN Scholarship Pageant and the Living Legends Ceremony.
- Designed a 70-page booklet for the IHS Area Director’s Awards Ceremony.
- Launched new social media campaign with Snapchat.
- Planned, coordinated, and provided media coverage for the RIP Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.
- Provided media coverage including videography and photography for the 2017 MCN Annual Festival.
- Added Community Calendar updates to additional radio markets to promote different news and events throughout the Nation.
- Public Relations continued to monitor and update the Nation’s website and marquee.

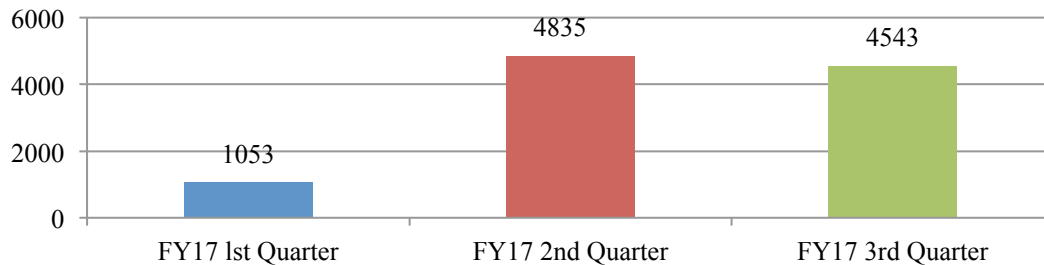
We continue to coordinate activities to promote the positive image of the Nation through sponsorships, advertising, media, and partnership arrangements.

TOURISM AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

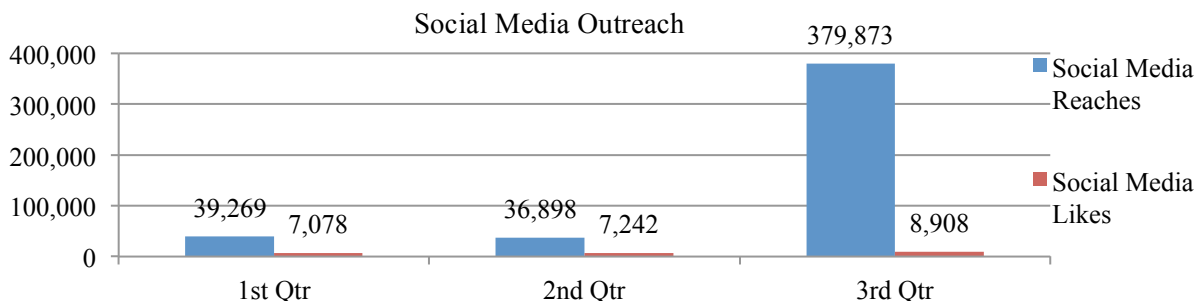
The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tourism and Recreation Department (T&R) continues to partner with the Lake Eufaula Association in the State of Oklahoma's travel show program, distributed the Guide to the Mvskoke Nation, hosted scheduled events in the Mvskoke Dome and Claude Cox Omnplex, and held the 43rd Annual MCN Festival. T&R continued marketing all MCN entities while also partnering with marketing organizations and the State of Oklahoma. T&R began phase two of the tourism video update and filmed the new River Spirit Casino Resort facilities, RiverWalk, and the Mound Building. Fountainhead Creek Golf Course hosted 22 golf tournaments, which included 3A Boys and Girls High School Regional tournament, the MCN Annual Nation Festival tournament, and the Inter-Tribal Council tournament.

The department remains an active partner in TravelOk.com, the Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department's Fulfillment Program, and in welcome centers across the state of Oklahoma. Our *Mvskoke Guides* can be requested directly from Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department's website. An electronic version of the *Guide to the Mvskoke Nation* is available at the T&R department's website (www.creektourism.com).

Guide to the Mvskoke Nation Distribution

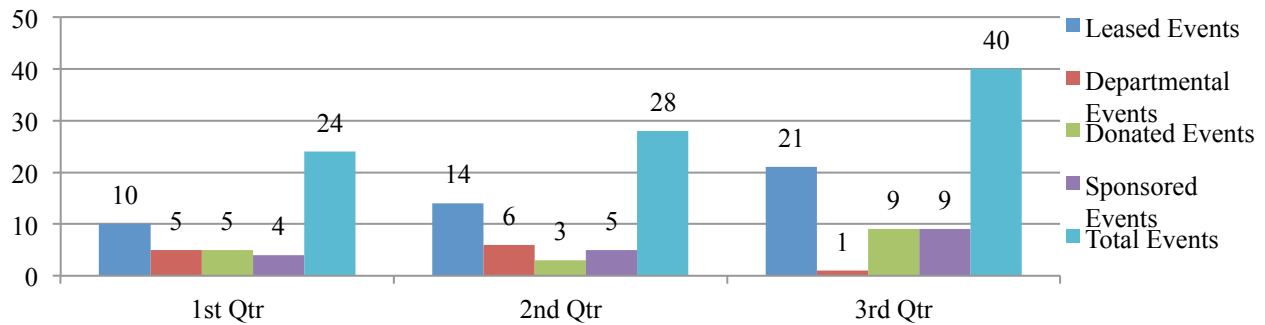


T&R utilizes social media platforms such as Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter to promote and engage the general public's awareness in the Nation. This includes areas of government, business, and community endeavors such as the MCN Annual Festival. The department routinely partners with and shares information on social media from all MCN businesses, entities, and casinos. Over the third quarter, the department's reach surpassed over 375,000 people thanks to our increased social media footprint, partnerships with the Oklahoma Department of Tourism & Recreation, Green Country Marketing Association, and River Spirit Casino Resort.



T&R continues to lease the Mvskoke Dome and other facilities at the Claude Cox Omnplex for community events and departmental programs while being the home of fitness programs such as CreekFit, Walking Strong, and Mini CreekFit. T&R serves as a resource for Native American fitness and as helpful guidance through avenues of fitness, nutrition, and motivation.

Mvskoke Dome & Claude Cox Omniplex Usage



The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tourism and Recreation Department held the 43rd Annual MCN Festival June 22–25, 2017. The department worked with other departments—such as Lighthorse Police, Emergency Management, and Health—to ensure a safe and family-friendly atmosphere. T&R updated the existing infrastructure such as fencing, electricity, and horseshoe backstops. The festival was deemed a success. This year marked the largest festival rodeo in its history, with over 475 entries. Softball held 200+ games, and with the addition of a second tent, the department expanded the number of arts & craft vendors. The Children’s Fun Fair garnered the highest response in festival social media history with over 53,000 interested in attending.

The Department has continued its involvement with the Five Tribes Inter-Tribal Council Tourism Workgroup which includes creating and distributing a Five Tribes Tourism Brochure, Five Tribes Tourism Website, and a Five Tribes Tourism FAM tour. This partnership has focused its efforts on promoting Oklahoma as a top destination to experience Native American culture. The workgroup previously supported the Native Act which passed Congress, but more recently drafted a resolution to support the American Indian Alaskan Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) as the facilitator of the Native Act. With AIANTA as the facilitator of the Native Act, the Nation would have greater ease in tapping into national tourism strategies and endeavors.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION

The National Council adopted TR 17-044 that allowed the Nation to enter into a Boxing & Mixed Martial Arts Agreement with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Athletic Commission for the regulation of combative sporting events until a new Muscogee (Creek) Nation Athletic Commissioner is properly nominated and approved.

INDEPENDENT STATUTORY EXECUTIVE AGENCIES

MVSKOKE MEDIA – Sterling Cospers, Mvskoke Media Manager

We have completed our ad kit that provides a comprehensive list of the advertising opportunities we offer through our outlets to help continue growth of our self-funding.

The business and paper staff visited our printing company in Stigler to improve the relationship between our entities and help us learn more about how they operate.

The paper learned more about the production process after a file is sent to print. The business team, including our graphics and printing staff, observed how they handle their operations.

We published two pieces explaining our financing structure and philosophy to the citizens and several editorials about our legislative priorities aimed at strengthening our service to citizens.

We have prepared an editorial process ahead of the fall election season that exercises our free press protections to provide better information for citizens to make informed decisions. We have also set up a business plan to handle campaign advertising, which we are offering for the first time as set forth in our law.

We are pursuing an initiative to get Muscogee Nation News (MNN) content published in other media outlets in exchange for revenue or ad value to promote our business offerings and are actively speaking with a publication about this.

Mvskoke Media Manager Sterling Cospers has been voted on the Oklahoma Chapter Society of Professional Journalists board and plans to use this opportunity to share information about tribal media with other news professionals and learn from them to apply their experience in the department.

We have updated our MNN route list and placed racks with custom designed signage at MCN health facilities to control our distribution and provide a better face for the publication.

We rolled out a weekly email newsletter that citizens can subscribe to, which packages all the top news from our different outlets in an ‘in case you missed it’ format.

We generated a policy that prohibits the sale of editorial content other than photos to maintain separation between our news and business outlets, and encourage clients to inquire about the unique services we offer.

We submitted a draft of our FY 2018 budget that reflects a continuing effort to restructure to fit a free press model.

We completed our online coverage of this year’s MCN Festival and developed our most comprehensive promotional booth for the Claude Cox Omniplex where we sold custom merchandise for the first time to continue our marketing and business initiatives.

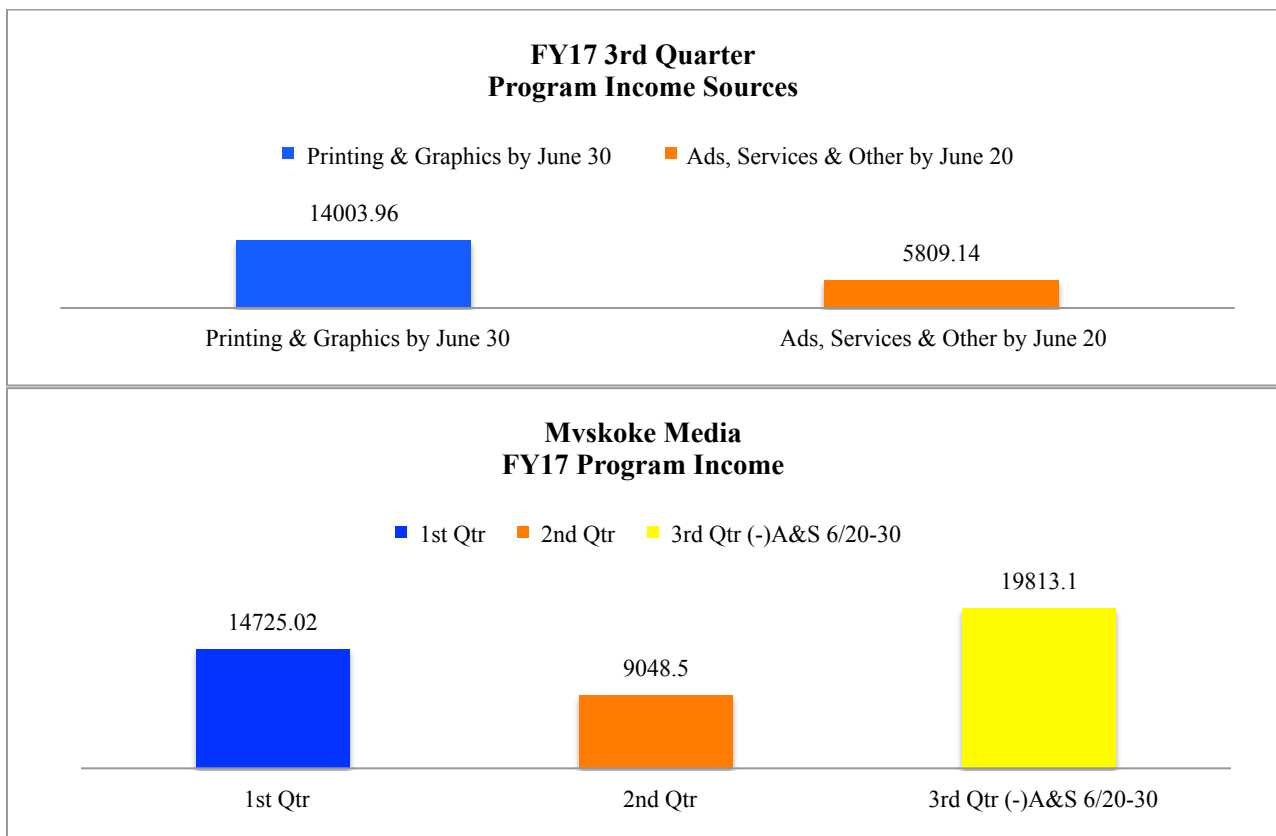
We have changed our coverage of the National Council by focusing more on getting pieces up faster online about committee meetings to make citizens aware of legislation up for consideration each month in a quicker manner.

We have arrangements lined out to publish a reader/advertiser survey here in the coming months to inform our coverage priorities and get information about our subscribers for potential clients.

We completed our comprehensive inventory with the GSA department for insurance purposes that will help protect around \$300,000 in equipment assets.

We updated our continuation of operations plan with the tribal administration department that outlines how our outlet will maintain services to citizens in the event of an emergency.

We have changed the focus of our editorial meetings to prioritize ideas for news stories over what has already been assigned or taken on.



LIGHTHORSE ADMINISTRATION – Robert Hawkins, Lighthouse Police Chief

The Lighthouse Department has well over 400+ hours of continuing education with law enforcement sponsored programs. At this time, there are 39 sworn full-time officers and we are actively seeking applications for potential new hires to bring the department up to full staff.

The **Records Department** has reported 1,716 calls for service during the third quarter.

There were 153 arrests, 129 citations, and 359 incident calls during the third quarter.

Communication Department

Dispatchers have reported 1,731 complaint cards for the third quarter and have 24 hours of training. The division has welcomed new hire Garrett Marshall to the communication staff, bringing the department up to full staff.

The division has the following training:

- When Seconds Count: Positivity
- When Seconds Count: Autism
- When Seconds Count: Difficult Callers

Criminal Investigations

Investigations have had a total of 25 major crime cases that include Fraud, theft, sexual abuse on a minor child, burglary, rape, larceny, vandalism, breaking and entering, arson, bomb threat, leaving the scene of an accident with property damage, embezzlement, uttering a forged instrument, animal cruelty, simple assault, forgery, and auto theft.

The division has performed a total of 315 hours for continuing education and assisted in several communities such as case assists for the FBI, McIntosh County Sheriff's Department, Okmulgee County DA's Task Force on Violent Crimes, and in Conjunction casework with the MCN Indian Child Welfare Services.

K-9 Department

The division has had a total of 29 reported call-outs that include the following:

- Tracking fleeing suspects
- Executing high-risk search warrants
- Executing high-risk arrest warrants
- Assisted 9 local school administrators in sniff clearing lockers and parking lots

The Division has performed a total of 68 hours for continuing education and assisted other law enforcement agencies such as case assist for the US Marshall Service Task Force 24, US Marshall Service Task Force 25, Okfuskee County Sheriff's Office, Hughes County Sheriff's Office, McIntosh County Sheriff's Office. and Wagoner County Sheriff's Office.

Meth Initiative Officer

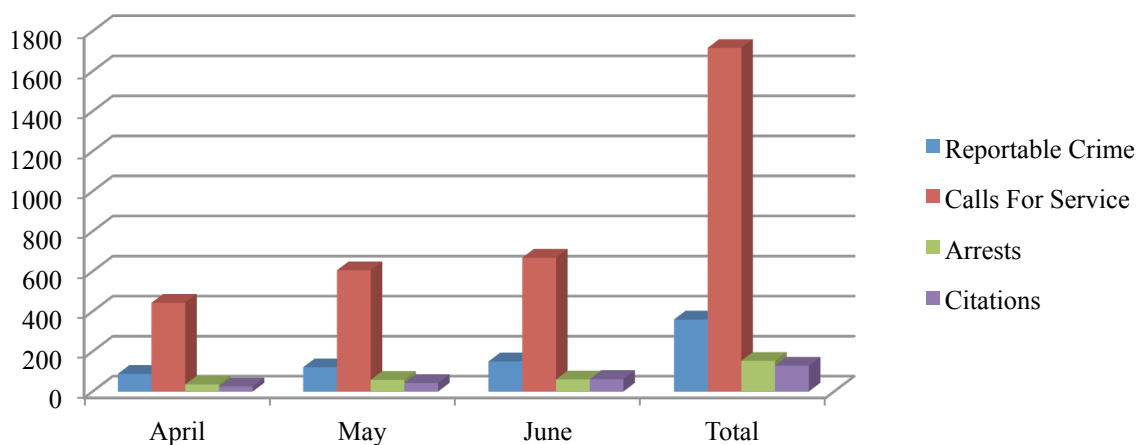
The Meth Initiative Officer attended the following meetings and/or presentations: Concealed Carry Class, Security Re-qualifications, Crisis Communications, Supervising or Managing the Field Unit Training Officer, Tactical Communications, Doing Business in Indian Country, RAD Self Defense, US Marshall Range Day, 11th Annual IALEFI Conference, Synthetic Drugs, Evidence.Com, TA2TA Webinar, LHPD Gun Range Qualifications, BIA Chief of Police Meeting, SEXXX Crimes Conference, Tactical Medical Instructor School, Less Lethal/Pepperball Operator, and DUI Database

Explorers

Attended the following:

- Vietnam Veterans Parade
- Native American All-State Banquet
- Miss Mvskoke Nation and Junior Miss Mvskoke Nation Pageant
- Green Country Challenge
- MCN Festival Parade

	April	May	June	Total
Reportable Crime	88	121	150	359
Calls For Service	443	605	668	1716
Arrests	35	58	60	153
Citations	25	42	62	129



OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSION – Jerry McPeak, Tax Commissioner

River Spirit and the businesses within it continue to give significant rise to tax collections for the MCN.

Motor vehicle tags and the secondary income from those continue to maintain the levels of last year's record-breaking income.

The tobacco tax "fee" recently passed by the Oklahoma State House and Senate and signed by the Governor has not yet become law. On August 8, 2017, the Oklahoma State Supreme Court will hear the case questioning the constitutionality of the law. Until the State Supreme Court rules, we will not know how to handle the \$15 per carton change, and there may be no change.

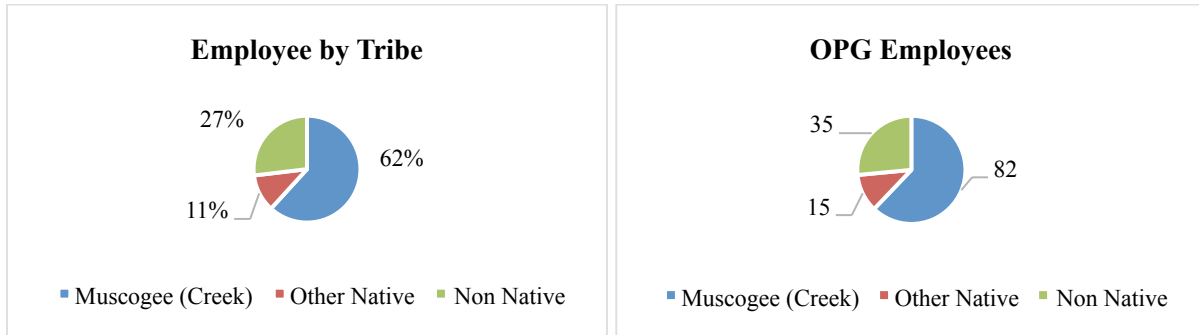
The tax revenue for third quarter of FY 2017 equaled \$2,433,395.53.

Product	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3
Motor Vehicle Tax	\$ 260,507.13	\$ 304,429.86	\$ 313,655.69
Registration	\$ 213,130.50	\$ 276,070.50	\$ 266,658.50
Admin Fees	\$ 7,040.00	\$ 8,925.00	\$ 9,030.00
Penalty	\$ 13,642.25	\$ 20,714.00	\$ 16,763.25
Lien	\$ 2,495.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,760.00
Repo	\$ 270.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 190.00
Mail	\$ 1,699.50	\$ 2,358.00	\$ 2,267.50
Dup Title	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 1,600.00
Lost Registration	\$ 40.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 22.00
Lost Decal	\$ 235.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 240.00
Lost Tag	\$ 80.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 100.00
Personalized Tag	\$ 133.00	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 2,485.00
Other Sales	\$ 1,832.71	\$ 2,327.58	\$ 2,107.50
Sales Taxes Collected *	\$ 294,454.07	\$ 446,130.39	\$ 435,314.00
Alcohol Taxes *	\$ 55,082.19	\$ 107,974.38	\$ 111,703.82
Sales License Fees	\$ 2,515.00	\$ 1,490.00	\$ 4,320.00
Tobacco Taxes *	\$ 811,291.43	\$ 701,475.65	\$ 751,248.27
Tobacco License Fees	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 2,200.00
Motor Fuel Taxes *	\$ 534,395.75	\$ 504,476.47	\$ 510,730.00
*estimated to include June			
Quarterly Totals	\$2,204,128.53	\$2,384,325.83	\$ 2,433,395.53

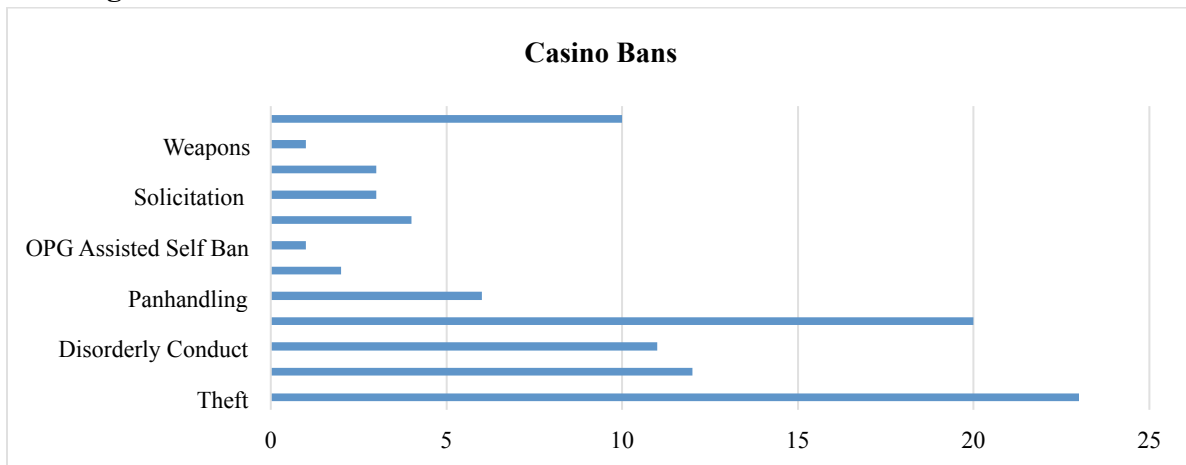
OFFICE OF PUBLIC GAMING – Buddy York, Gaming Commissioner

The Office of Public Gaming (OPG) is an independent agency responsible for regulating all gaming activity within the jurisdiction of the MCN. This office promotes and ensures integrity, accountability, and security of the operation and administration of all gaming facilities.

Employees



Banning



Investigations

OPG Investigations teamed up with casino officials to identify and break up an organized check fraud ring that was targeting MCN casinos. This resulted in coordinated work with the FBI. Investigations have experienced a significant increase in activity. Most notable is the amount of legitimate and credible threats made against the casinos by disgruntled patrons, and an increase in overall criminal activity that is being experienced by most of the larger MCN casinos.

Licensing

During the third quarter, the licensing department processed 509 new and renewal employee gaming applications. In addition, licensing issued 175 vendor employee licenses. A total of 368 applicants were submitted to National Indian Gaming Commission for review.

Software

Software Agents assisted in the installation and conversion of 673 Class II/III gaming machines across the MCN jurisdiction. Agents also assisted with breaking seals for an additional 690 machines for the quarter. Software Agents assisted an average of 15.14 machines per day.

Internal Audit

Internal Auditors completed 231 audits throughout the quarter. Auditors also reviewed 260 casino operations promotions.

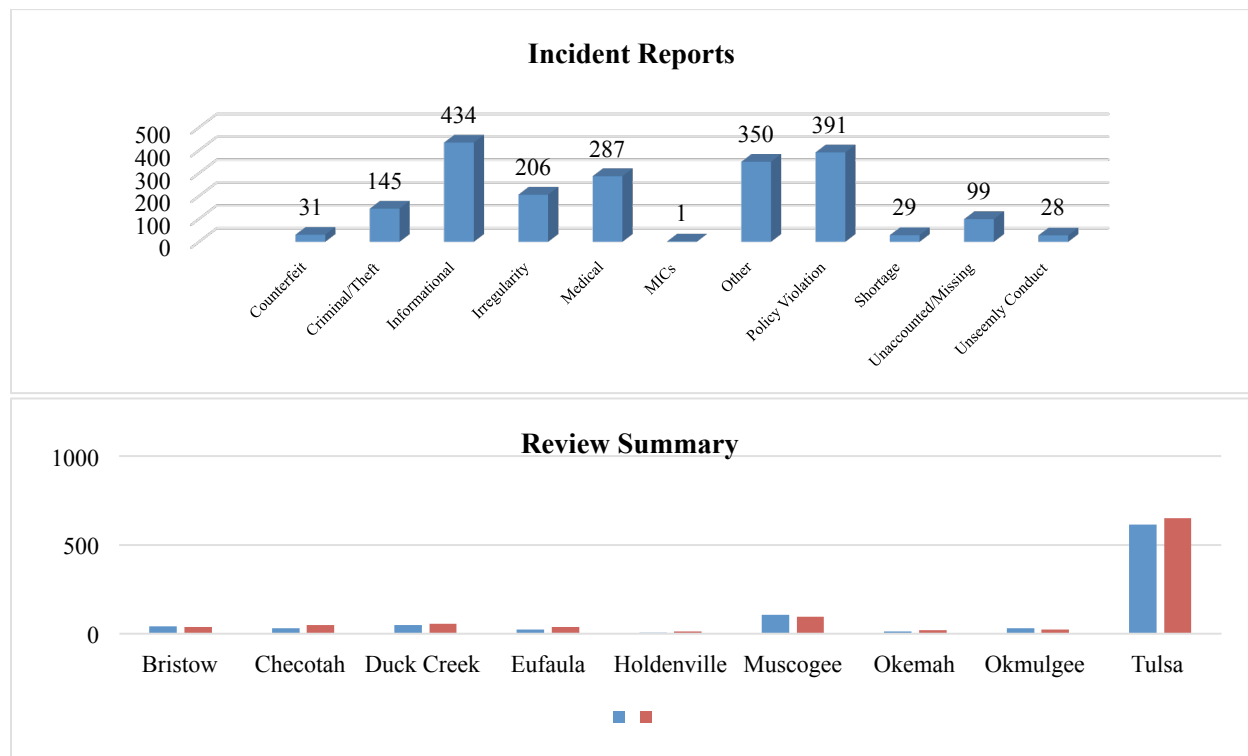
Information Technology

In addition to ongoing projects, our team has maintained continuous support of our 200+ computers, 150+ servers, 600+ user accounts, 60+ cellular devices, 75+ phone and data lines, 3000+ cameras, and 9 property-wide access control systems on both the Surveillance and OPG networks. Some of the notable achievements this quarter include:

- Completion of virtualization of surveillance systems
- Completion of virtualization of surveillance management servers
- Completed network refresh for surveillance network infrastructure
- 70% completion of service provider change project
- Integration of ticketing system for support work orders

The surveillance IT team is also responsible for fielding after-hours support calls to make sure our properties remain compliant at all times. During the second quarter our team was responsible for responding to and preventing 84 incidents that were all potential Muscogee Indian Community (MIC) violations that could directly impact revenue.

Surveillance



MUSCOGEE NATION BUSINESS ENTERPRISE – Woody Anderson, CEO

The Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise (MNBE) has two divisions: Professional Services and Life Safety & Security. Professional Services provide staff augmentation, facility and life support, and IT support and security to customers worldwide. This division has performed work in Iraq, Korea, Mexico and Afghanistan. The Life Safety & Security Division provides fire alarm systems, access control, CCTV, nurse call, data and voice cable management systems, and commercial sound systems. MNBE also operates the Travel Plazas in Muskogee and Okmulgee.

MNBE Fire & Security Division Projects:

- River Spirit Margaritaville Project Surveillance and Access Control
- MCN Re-Integration Project Surveillance (complete)
- MCN Okemah Hospital Project Surveillance
- MCN Division of Health
- Citizen Potawatomi Casino
- Henryetta Public Schools

Rex's Chicken Franchise

Renovation is under way at the Rex's Bixby location. Building is scheduled to be completed July 28, 2017. MNBE is completing staffing plan, vendor agreements, and planning for the grand opening. Muscogee Staffing Solutions, LLC, is advertising for a Manager and staff for the Rex's restaurant. CEO and Beautiful Brands gave an interview with John Klein of the Tulsa World on June 27, 2017 at the Rex's Site on Memorial. CEO also received a call from Tribal Construction to inquire into building requirements for a Rex's restaurant. The inquiry was for the Tulsa Indian Community. CEO and Beautiful Brands representative met with a representative of the Tulsa Indian Community to tour the proposed site.

A representative with the Bixby Elementary PTA contacted the CEO to discuss an opportunity for Rex's to get involved with PTA membership drive providing coupons to be given out at the meeting.

To take an online virtual tour of the new Rex's Chicken Restaurant design go to <https://goo.gl/M2RJOx>.

Fuel Tax Distribution from State of Oklahoma

Please note that the MCN Tax Commission receives distribution for the Fuel Tax Compact from State of Oklahoma on a quarterly basis.

	2017	2016
1st Quarter	\$534,395.75	\$540,775.13
2nd Quarter	\$504,476.47	\$549,655.20
TOTAL COLLECTED TO-DATE		\$39,676,466.30

SALES TAX COLLECTION AT TRAVEL PLAZAS

<i>Muskogee Travel Plaza</i>	FY 2017	FY 2016
1st Quarter Collections	\$13,146.90	\$12,781.66
2nd Quarter Collections	\$12,145.54	\$12,798.35
April Collections	\$3,876.09	\$4,696.18
May Collections	\$4,819.88	\$4,197.46
June Collections	\$3,984.50	\$4,865.12
Total Tax Collections YTD	\$37, 972.91	\$39,338.77

<i>Okmulgee Travel Plaza</i>	FY 2017	FY 2016
1st Quarter Collections	\$12,931.14	\$16,867.12
2nd Quarter Collections	\$12,781.77	\$17,522.61
April Collections	\$4,622.25	\$6,276.62
May Collections	\$6,399.71	\$5,065.23
June Collections	\$6,973.10	\$5,755.25
Total Tax Collections YTD	\$81,680.88	\$80,205.23

Distributions Made to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation

1st Quarter Distribution	\$	30,000.00
2nd Quarter Distribution	\$	30,000.00
April Distribution	\$	10,000.00
May Distribution	\$	10,000.00
Total Distribution YTD	\$	80,000.00

From Inception:

Direct Payments	\$1,713,721.97
Contributions	\$ 94,039.01

Investments

Okmulgee Golf Course	\$1,037,916.30
Muscogee International, LLC	\$1,786,576.15
Muscogee Rex	\$ 158,031.00
MNB, LLC	\$ 281,714.61
Muscogee Staffing Solutions	\$ 250,000.00

Current Number of MNBE Employees

MNBE Corporate	08	13%
Fire & Security	12	25%
Professional Services	01	02%
Okmulgee Travel Plaza	21	35%
Muskogee Travel Plaza	<u>12</u>	<u>25%</u>
Total Employees	54	100%
Creek	29	54%
Other Native	04	07%
African American	07	13%
Caucasian	<u>14</u>	<u>26%</u>
Total	54	100%
Male	26	48%
Female	<u>28</u>	<u>52%</u>
Total	54	100%

MUSCOGEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC

COO submitted SBA application for Muscogee Staffing Solutions, LLC, on May 11, 2017. SBA submitted a letter dated May 24, 2017 back requesting additional information. The information requested was submitted. COO was notified the SBA has completed the first phase of a three-step process that includes screening, processing, and final determination. The application will now move to the processing phase. More information may be requested as the SBA makes a final determination of eligibility. The application will be processed and should receive a determination in 90 calendar days.

HubZone application for Muscogee Staffing Solutions, LLC, was approved on June 2, 2017.

CEO attended meeting on June 14, 2017 at the MCN Housing Authority Conference Room to meet with representatives of FSB Architects for a listening/information session on the master planning for the MCN. FSB wanted to know what our projected needs were going to be in the future for the existing and new companies. Follow-up meetings will be scheduled.

One Fire Holding Company and MNB, LLC management met February 22, 2017 in Tulsa with a staffing company interested in selling their operation. The company has been in business for nine years. Non-disclosure agreements were executed by all parties. As per the board's direction, the CEO has reached out to companies who specialize in mergers and acquisitions to request a proposal to perform business evaluation services. Have received two proposals. Additionally, One Fire Holding Company has provided an assessment on the company to our COO.

MNBE leadership met with the Secretary of the Nation and Commerce and the Project Development Coordinator for the Secretary of the Nation and Commerce for the purpose of explaining MNBE's current structure and history and the focus of MNBE operations.

Muscogee Staffing Solutions, LLC is staffing personnel for commercial companies located in the Muskogee, Okmulgee, and the Tulsa areas. Applicants who wish to apply may do so online at <http://MSSJOBS.net> or can apply in person at one of the following locations:

- 1018 South Wood Drive, Okmulgee, OK 74447
- 717 South 32nd Street, Suite 3, Muskogee, OK 74401

Current MSS Employees

Creeks	14	15%
Other Native	14	15%
Caucasian	47	49%
African American	15	16%
Hispanic	06	05%
Total	96	100%
Male	83	86%
Female	13	14%
Total	96	100%

MSS Employee Breakdown:

Corporate Staff	03
<u>Contract Staff</u>	<u>93</u>
Total	96

OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS – Ken Davis, Veterans Affairs Director

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Veterans Affairs Services Office (VASO) plans, organizes, coordinates, reviews, submits, and reconciles Muscogee veterans' and surviving spouses' claims for receipt of earned benefits and services administered through the US Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA). MCN, not being a recognized and chartered service organization by the USDVA, has activated a MOU with the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) to process claims for Muscogee (Creek) veterans and surviving spouses.

Veterans' claims included 7 active claims initiated, reopened, and reviewed; burial services; inquiries; waivers; upgrade status; and requests. There are 804 active/settled claims under consideration with the USDVA. Total amount secured in the third quarter of FY2017 for Muscogee veterans and surviving spouses was approximately \$264,030.00. This amount includes back pay, which was \$71,335.00; one veteran received a back-pay check for \$27,381.00.

All funds received from local, state, and federal VA Offices are tax-exempt. 470 veterans and 32 surviving spouses are in receipt of VA funds ending calendar year 2017 (CY 2017). The USDVA rates 158 out of the 502 veterans and surviving spouses currently in receipt at 100%, with 31% total in CY 2017. Total approximate amount secured thus far for Muscogee veterans and surviving spouses for CY 2017 is approximately \$8,337,972.00.

VASO outreach and speeches to Muscogee Communities continues with two accomplished. VASO has identified and verified Purple Hearts from WWI to Iraq. In total, there have been 104 Purple Hearts awarded to Muscogee (Creek) people. VASO started with 56 identified and verified. VASO now has a MOU directly with the ODVA. VASO's Director is anticipating accreditation active with the ODVA. VASO participated in this year's MCN Annual Festival with a float in the parade and an open house of the veterans' building. There was an "On-Site Push" mission in the third quarter of FY 2017 to locate Muscogee veterans and surviving spouses for VA benefits intake, and conducted 26 re-evaluations.

	2nd	3rd
Active claims opened	1,051	1,058
Claims under consideration	795	804
Awarded claims	723	738
Compensation received	\$115,584	\$264,030
Back pay received	\$33,192	\$71,335
Claims denied	2	2
Living veterans	495	502
Total veterans (including deceased)	594	605
Total living 100% S/C	150	158
Total 100% since Jan 2005 (including deceased)	193	205
Current residual amount (CY 2017)	\$8,073,942	\$8,337,972
Back pay 2005–2016	\$3,574,599	\$3,645,934
Board of Veterans Appeals Hearings	0	6
Board of Veterans Appeals Hearings/wins	57/54	60/57
Purple Hearts (WWI to Iraq)	104	104
KIAs (WWI to Vietnam)	56	56
DOWIAs (WWI to Vietnam)	6	6
MCN communities visited	2	2
On-Site Push missions (home visits)	386	412

INDEPENDENT CONSTITUTIONAL EXECUTIVE AGENCIES

CITIZENSHIP BOARD – Nathan Wilson, Citizenship Board Director

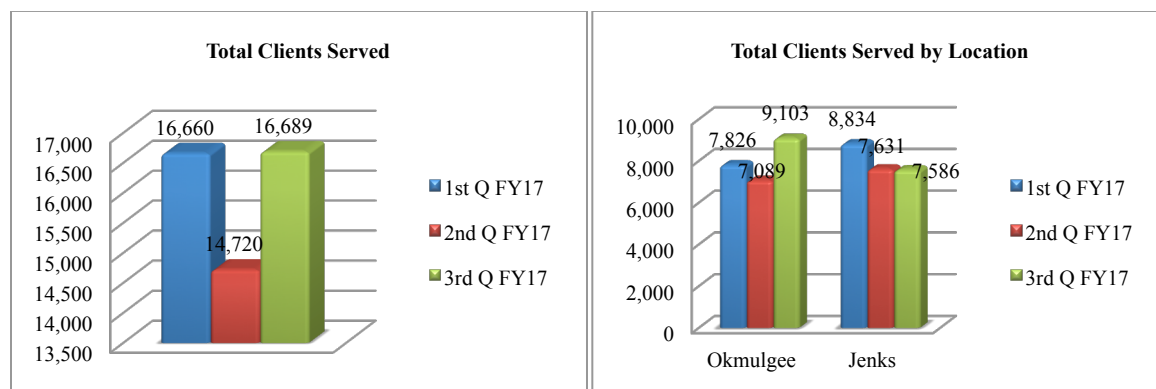
The Citizenship Board office is governed by a Citizenship Board consisting of five members. This office provides services to citizens of the MCN of Oklahoma or potential citizens in giving direction or assisting in the lineage verification process of the Muscogee (Creek) people. The mission of this office is to verify the lineage of descendants of Muscogee (Creek) Indians by blood that is listed on the 1906 Dawes Roll.

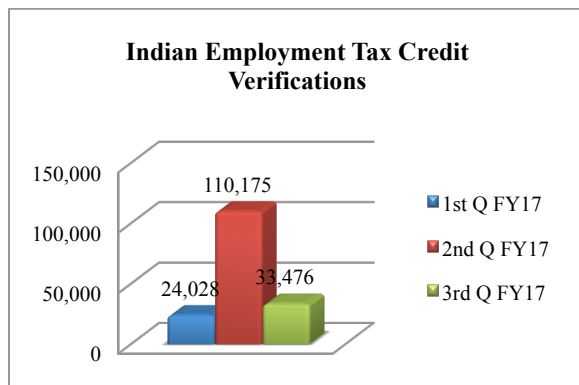
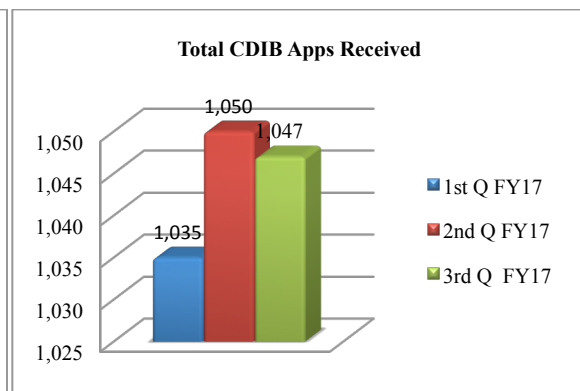
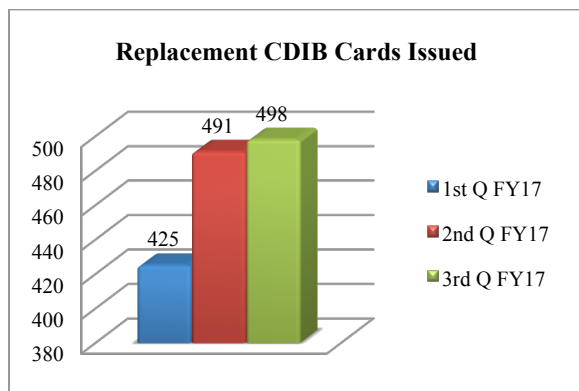
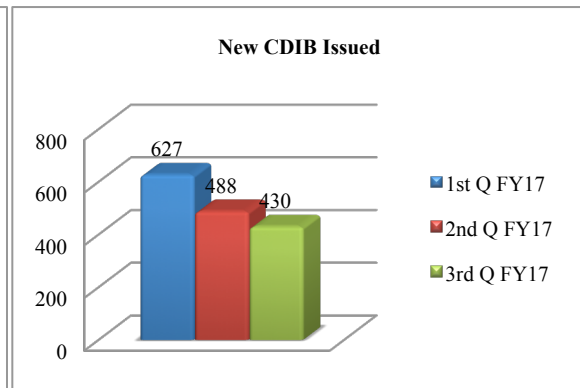
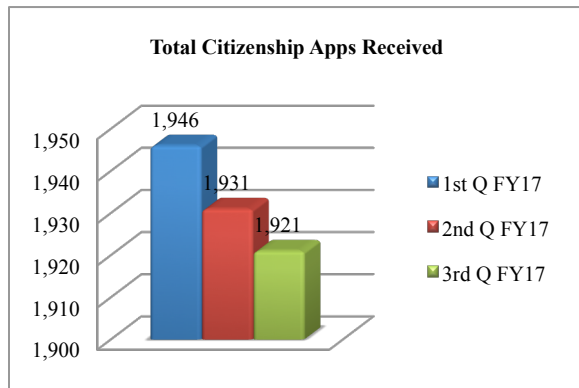
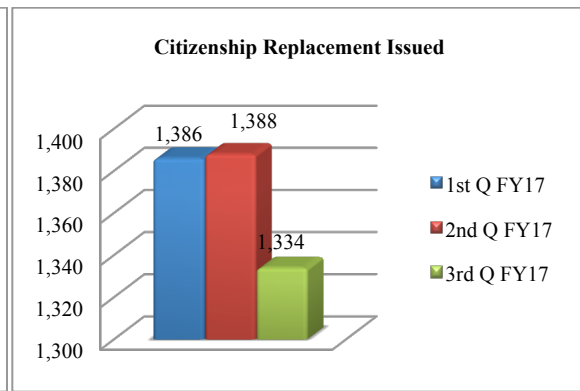
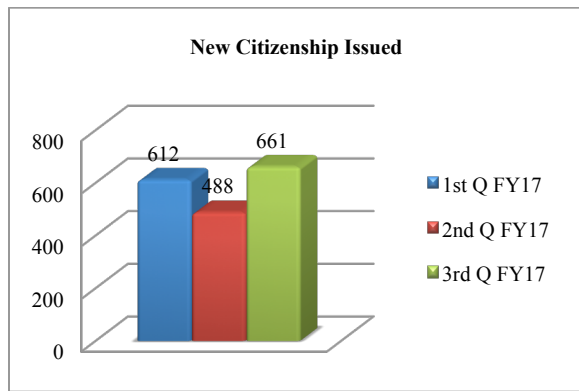
During the third Quarter of FY 2017 the Citizenship office continued to make progress on the implementation of the ETC card. We plan to have the VPN connectivity completed by the end of July, and Customs and Border Protection are currently approving the card artwork.

The Citizenship office also completed the monthly remote enrollments at the SRO and attended a function in Oklahoma City.

During the third Quarter of FY 2017, the Citizenship office provided services to 16,689 citizens. It has replaced 1,334 citizenship cards, replaced 498 CDIB cards, issued 661 new citizenship cards, and issued 430 new CDIB cards. Our Total Tribal Enrollment is 82,983 as of March 31, 2017.

The Citizenship Board meetings are held every Second Friday of the month. The Citizenship Board Members are: Joan Henson, Elizabeth Yahola, and Clarence Johnson.





ELECTION BOARD – Nelson Harjo, Jr., Office Manager

The Election Board and staff have held multiple registration drives in the month of June and co-hosted a Voter Registrar training seminar with Mvskoke Youth Services. Absentee ballot request forms (ABR) for citizens registered as absentee voters were mailed out on June 12, 2017. We ran a National Change of Address match against our registration records. We found that several of our citizens who have moved their residence since registering to vote need to update their address and information with our office so we may continue to communicate and service them appropriately. This listing was published in the July 1, 2017 edition of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation newspaper. The Election Board and staff will hosted a Candidate Fair on July 12, 2017. This fair provided helpful information about campaigning and the candidate filing process for citizens interested in filing as a candidate in this year's election. The period for filing a candidate for this year's elections is July 17–19, 2017. This year's primary election will be held September 16, 2017. If needed, the General (Run-Off) Election will be held November 4, 2017.

The Election Board will be utilizing a new electronic polling system this year at each polling/precinct site. This modernized system will help expedite the voting process at the polling/precinct sites. As of the beginning of July 2017 there are a total of 16,656 registered voters. All election dates are posted on MCN's website and newspaper as well as on the Facebook page for the Muscogee Creek Nation Election Office. As a reminder, absentee registration for the primary election closes August 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Precinct registration closes September 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. If citizens need to register, change their address, or fill out an absentee ballot request form, the forms are posted on the website, or citizens can call the Election Board office to request these forms as well.

The Election Board Members are Eugenia Tiger (Chair), Walter Pigeon (Vice Chair), Wendy Dunson (Secretary), Wilma Berryhill, and Vernon Courtwright. Nelson Harjo, Jr., is the Election Board Manager. For any questions or concerns, the Election Board Office can be contacted by phone at 918-732-7631 or by email at election@mcn-nsn.gov.

COLLEGE OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION BOARD OF REGENTS -

Robert Bible, CMN President

The report includes six bar charts that are numbered as follows: 1a) Number of Citizens and Others Enrolled, 1b) Credit Hours Generated, 2) Courses Offered, 3a) Number of Events Hosted, 3b) Participants Served at Events, and 4) Spring 2017 Graduates by Major. Note: Third quarter data shown in the charts covers information from parts of both spring and summer trimesters, 2017. Charts 1a, 1b, 1c, and 2 reflect information from the summer trimester only. *Source: CMN Registrar's Office 6/2017.*

Chart 1a: Number of Citizens and Others Enrolled

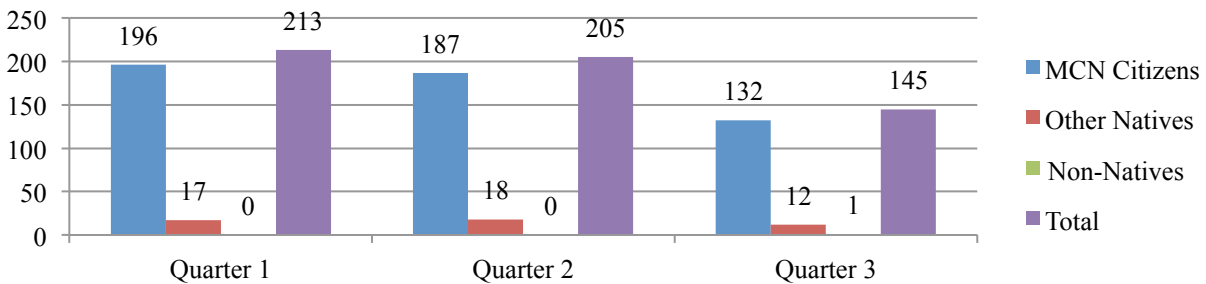


Chart 1b: Credit Hours Generated

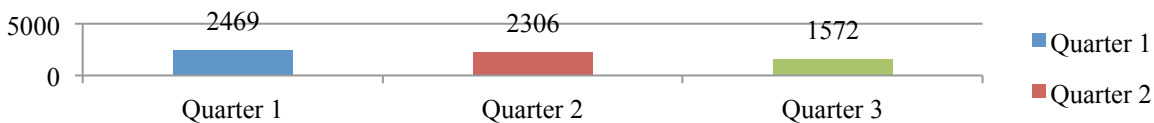


Chart 1a indicates that the college has enrolled 196 Creek students for the first quarter, in comparison to the 187 Muscogee (Creek) students enrolled for second quarter, and 132 Muscogee (Creek) students in the third quarter. Other Native students enrolled were 17 in the first quarter, and 18 in the second quarter, and 12 in the third quarter. There were no non-Native students enrolled in both the first and second quarters; however, that number increased to one in the third quarter. Overall, the college had a total cumulative enrollment of 213 students for first quarter of FY 2017, 205 enrolled for the second quarter, and 145 for the third quarter.

Chart 1b indicates the number of credit hours generated by students enrolled in all classes thus far in FY 2017. The number of credit hours generated was 2,469, or a full-time equivalent (FTE) of 205 during the first quarter; 2,306 credit hours equal to 192 FTE during the second quarter, and 1572 credit hours equal to 131 FTE during the third quarter.

Chart 2: Courses Offered

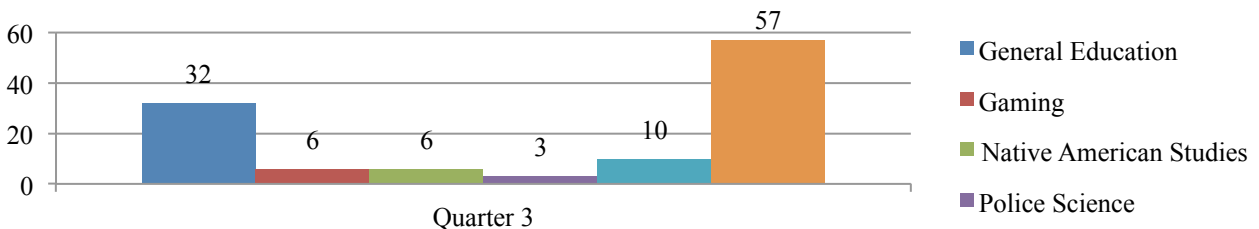


Chart 2 presents the number of courses offered according to degree area. For the third quarter, or summer trimester, which typically has lower enrollment than other trimesters, the following number of courses were offered in the respective degree areas: 32 in General Education, 6 in Gaming, 6 in Native American Studies, 3 in Police Science, and 10 in Tribal Services, totaling 57 classes.

Chart 3a: Number of Events Hosted

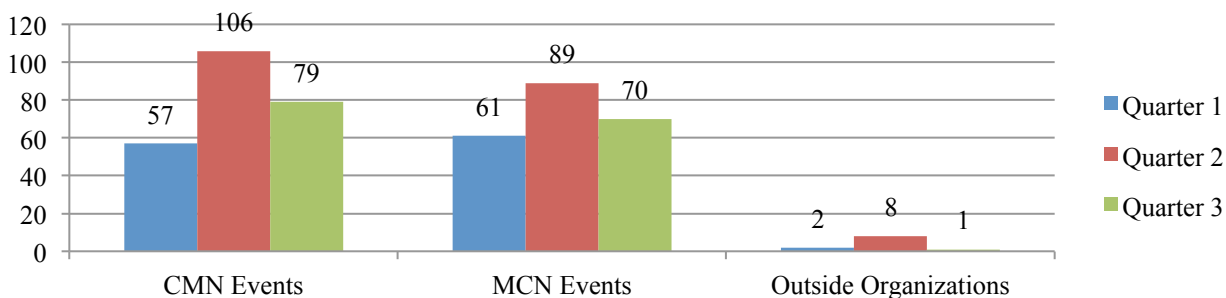
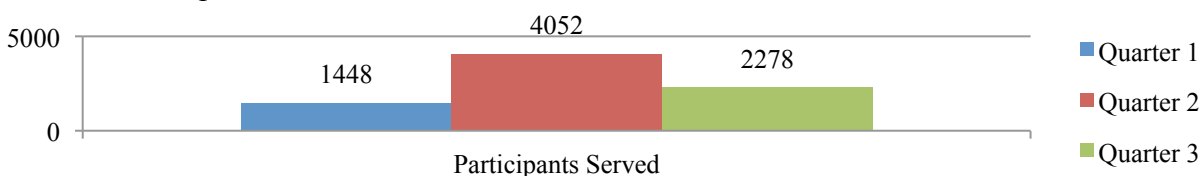


Chart 3b: Participants Served at Events

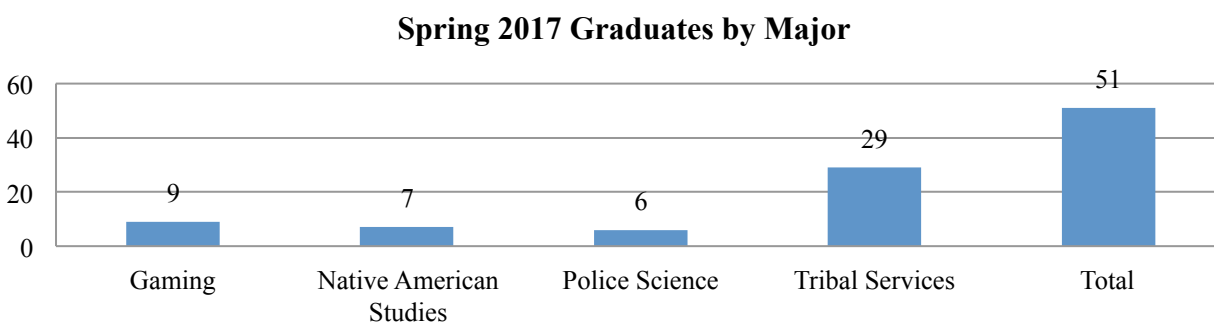


Source: CMN Executive Assistant's Office 7/2017

Chart 3a presents the number of events hosted; Chart 3b shows the number of participants served at events in each quarter. For the third quarter, covering parts of both spring and summer trimesters, the number of events held on the College of the Muscogee Nation (CMN) campus were as follows: 79 CMN Events, 70 MCN Events, and 1 event by outside agencies, totaling 150 events.

Chart 3b shows the number of participants served during the events hosted by CMN, shown in Chart 3a. For the first quarter, or fall trimester, there were 1,448 participants served. The second quarter, or spring trimester, served 4,052 participants. In the third quarter, covering parts of spring and summer trimesters, 2,278 participants were served.

Chart 4: Spring 2017 Graduates by Major



Source: CMN Registrar's Office 4/2017

Chart 4 presents the number of spring 2017 graduates by major. The degree program with the highest number of graduates was Tribal Services with 29, followed by Gaming with 9, Native American Studies with 7, and Police Science with 6 graduates.



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